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THE ENGLISH ANCESTRY OF THOMAS CULLEN

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Rarely does a colonial North Carolina immigrant leave traces of his or her English origins in the extant colonial records, particularly in the late seventeenth century. Proving a connection with an English family, under the best of circumstances, can be difficult, even with information concerning the immigrant's birth. The study of English origins for New England immigrants has been a going concern for over a century; however, the South has lagged behind in her efforts to determine the origins of its seventeenth-century visitors. For some reason, the curiosity of southerners for their ancestors' origins tends to cease at the Revolutionary War.

In volume 3 of *The North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register*, the following passage occurs: "Thomas Pollock, (son of Thomas Pollock, of Bal-gra,) was born at Glasgow, Scotland, May 6, 1654, and came to Carolina June 27, 1683. — Martha Cullen, daughter of Thomas Cullen of Dover, England, was born at Dover, May 1, 1663 . . ."2 This is obviously taken from a Bible record which was made known to J. R. B. Hathaway sometime before the printing of that article. Armed with this information, which I assumed to be early enough in its provenance to be trustworthy, I discovered that, luckily, the parish registers for the town of Dover, in Kent, existed from the late 1500s. The parish registers of the two parishes, St. James the Apostle and St. Mary the Virgin, date from 1594 and 1557, respectively.³ However, I was not able to be sure of their condition until I could inspect them firsthand on microfilm.

During a recent trip to the Genealogical Society of Utah's Family History Center, Salt Lake City, Utah, I was able to inspect these pertinent parish registers, as well as search for probate information for the Dover area. The eastern part of Kent, called the "Eastern Weald of Kent," is divided roughly into two probate jurisdictions: the Consistory of Kent and the Archdeaconry of Kent. Dover fell into the former.

The parish registers for St. James the Apostle,⁴ which I inspected first, yielded information about Cullens, but only in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. St.

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²"Queries and Answers" in J. R. B. Hathaway, ed., *The North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register*, III, 1 (January 1903):!56, hereinafter cited as Hathaway.

Arthur Meredyth Burke, *Key to the Ancient Parish Registers of England and Wales* (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., reprint of 1908 London edition, 1981), page 73.

³Transcripts of the parish registers of St. James the Apostle, Dover, Kent, from microfilm examined at the Family History Library, Genealogical Society of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, (hereinafter identified as FHL), FHL #355635 and #355636. The first reel is a complete name index and the second is the christenings, marriages, and burials.

Mary the Virgin⁵ was obviously where the Cullens first settled in their migration downward into Kent. Here is what the registers contained concerning the Cullens. It is clear that there were gaps in the registers, especially during the Commonwealth period:

St. Mary the Virgin, Dover, Kent

Christenings:

- 17 May 1609, Marie, daughter of Thomas Cullen (p. 51)
- 12 July 1612, Sarah, daughter of Thomas Cullen (p. 56)
- 8 August 1613, Richard, son of Thomas Cullen, brewer (p. 57)
- 4 December 1614, Jane, daughter of Thomas Cullen (p. 59)
- 19 June 1616, Katherine, daughter of Thomas Cullen (p. 61)
- 9 March 1616/7, Thomas, son of Thomas Cullen (p. 62)
- 6 June 1625, Anne, daughter of Thomas Cullen (p. 79)
- 6 May 1627, Jane, daughter of John Cullen (p. 83)
- 21 May 1627, Nicholas, son of Thomas Cullen (p. 83)
- 11 May 1629, Luke, son of Thomas Cullen (p. 86)
- 7 June 1629, Margerie, daughter of John Cullen (p. 86)
- 21 November 1641, Thomas, son of Richard and Ellen Cullen (p. 118)
- 7 May 1644, Mary, daughter of Richard and Ellen Cullen (p. 120)
- 10 February 1652/3, Thomas, son of Richard and [] Cullen (p. 125)
- 7 April 1661, Thomas, son of Nicholas and Katherine Cullen (p. 131)
- 31 April [*sic*] 1663, Martha, daughter of Thomas Cullen (p. 132)

Marriages:

- 22 October 1609, Thomas Cullen and Michell Barnham (p. 909)⁶
- 25 April 1625, James Cullen and Alice Parker (p. 917)

Burials:

- 24 January 1615/6, Jane, daughter of Thomas Cullen (p. 1285)
- 16 April 1622, Anne, daughter of Thomas Cullen (p. 1290)
- 11 August 1624, Marie, daughter of Thomas Cullen (p. 1293)
- 11 May 1629, a crisme⁷ of Thomas Cullen (p. 1300)
- 20 March 1630/1, Margerie, daughter of John Cullen (p. 1302)
- 13 June 1638, Jane, daughter of Thomas Cullen (p. 1310)
- 6 August 1639, Mary, daughter of James Cullen (p. 1313)
- 19 December 1639, Angelica, wife of James Cullen (p. 1314)

"Transcripts of the parish registers of St. Mary the Virgin, Dover, Kent, FHL #355632, #355633, and #355634. The first reel is the name index; the second, christenings; and the third, marriages and burials.

[^]The identity of this Thomas Cullen is explained by the will, dated 8 January 1624, proved 6 October 1625, of Thomas Cullen, "gunner," obviously a mariner, who named his wife Michell, a daughter Katherine, son Matthew and others. Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 105 Clarke, FHL#92102.

[^]hrisom, a baptized child, usually unnamed, who dies in its first month

24 December 1639, James Cullen (p. 1314)
 14 February 1666/7, Jane Cullen (p. 1321)
 [] March 1666/7, Anne Cullen (p. 1321)
 [] February 1673/4, Margaret, daughter of Luke Cullen (p. 1324)
 6 September 1673, [], son of Mr. Luke Cullen (p. 1325)
 2 June 1676, Jane, daughter of Mr. Luke Cullen (p. 1325)
 18 February 1676/7, [], the wife of Cullen the Cryer (p. 1326)
 10 March 1679/80, Martha, the wife of Luke Cullen (p. 1328)

Unsatisfied with the information on the parish marriage records, I consulted *Canterbury Marriage Licences*⁹ a surprisingly complete collection of marriage licenses for residents of eastern Kent:

First Series, 1568-1618:⁹

Richard Culling, of Northbourne, yeoman, and Margerie Wraight of Lympe, virgin, at St. Mary Bredman's, Canterbury; Henry Southouse of Northbourne, clerk, bondsman; 17 July 1606.

Thomas Culling, of Northbourne, yeoman, and Julian Harvie of Folkestone, virgin, at St. Mary Bredman's, Canterbury; John Harvie of Folkestone, yeoman, bondsman; 20 October 1601.

Thomas Culling, of Dover, beer brewer, and Jane Loape [*sic*] of St. Mary's, Dover, virgin, at St. Paul's, Canterbury; 8 November 1612.

Second Series, 1619-1660:¹⁰

James Cullen, of Dover, yeoman, bachelor, about 25, and Bennet Kirby of Ash, virgin, about 21, daughter of John Kerby, late of the same parish, yeoman, deceased; her brother-in-law, James Poute of Ash, yeoman, "being living and now to pay her her portion," consents; at Ash, 5 July 1624.

James Cullen, of Dover, cordwainer, widower, about 40, and Angelica Tailer of Hougham, virgin, about 20, daughter of John Tailer, of the same parish, yeoman, who consents; at St. Margaret's, Canterbury; 21 January 1629.

Richard Cullen, of Dover, grocer, bachelor, about 25, and Ellen Langdon of Hythe, virgin, about 19, daughter of Mary Langdon, of the same parish, widow, who consents, as is testified by Joseph Lopper of Dover, mariner; John Vincent of the Precincts of Christ Church [Canterbury Cathedral], Canterbury, lay-clerk, bondsman; 10 July 1638.

Thomas Cullen, of St. Mary's in Dover, mariner, bachelor, about 25, and Sarah Alderstone, of the same parish, virgin, about 20, daughter of [] Alderstone, of the same parish, widow, who consents, as is testified by Richard Cullen of Dover, grocer; at St. Mary's in Dover, or Charlton; John Vincent of Christ Church, Canterbury, lay-

⁹Joseph Meadows Cowper, ed., *Canterbury Marriage Licences*, First Series, 1568-1618, hereinafter cited as Cowper.

¹⁰Cowper, page 116.

¹¹Joseph Meadows Cowper, *Canterbury Marriage Licences*, Second Series, 1619-1660, pages 258, 259.

clerk, bondsman; 26 January 1642.

John Cullins, of St. Mary's in Dover, sailor, bachelor, about 19, at his own government, and Ellen Redfoote, of the same parish, widow; about 28, relict of John Redfoote, late of the same parish, deceased; at St. Paul's Canterbury; 19 December 1625.

The information above was extremely reassuring, although our Thomas Cullen was somewhat older than I had originally thought. Thomas immigrated first to Virginia and then to North Carolina, as related in the article which appears elsewhere in this magazine.

The only record of any of his children in Dover was that of daughter Martha, written, curiously, 31 April 1663. The match of the birth dates for Martha and the fact that Sarah [Alderstone] came to America allowed me to identify our Thomas with the twenty-five year old who married, as recorded above, in 1642.

Probate records, wills, and administrations revealed that there were a number of Thomas Cullens in Dover at the same time; but their professions and associations allowed me to separate them with some confidence.

Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Register Brent, f. 277:"

In the name of God Amen, I / THOMAS CULLEN of the Towne and Porte of Dover in the County of Kent Jurate,¹² beinge sicke of body but of perfect minde and memorie / praysed be god for the Same doe make my last Will and testament / in manner and forme followinge Imprimis I Comend my Soule / into the hands of God Almightye my Creator trustinge through the / meritts of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer to obteyne eternall / life after this my sinfull life shall bee ended And my body I comitt / to the earth from whence it came to be decently buried at the Discretion / of mine Executrix herein after named ITEM as touching my Worldly / estate I doe give and bequeath the same as followeth ITEM I give / unto my loveinge wife JANE all my Messuages lands & tenements / whatsoever scituate lyinge and beinge within the liberty of the same / Towne and Porte of Dover or else where in the Land County of Kent / for and dureing the terme of her naturall life, And after her decease / I give and bequeath all my said Messuages lands and Tenements to / my sonnes and daughters RICHARD NICHOLAS LUCKE JANE and ANNE / CULLEN their heires and Assignes for ever equally to be devided amongst / them ITEM I give and bequeath unto my said wife JANE All and singler / my goods & chatties of what kinde or sort soever the Same are or bee / for and duringe the terme other naturall life, And after her decease my / will and minde is that the said goods and chatties be equally devided / amongst my said children RICHARD NICHOLAS LUCKE JANE and ANNE their Executors / and Assignes And of this my last will and Testament I nominate and / appoynt my said wife sole Executrix hereby Revokinge all former Wills [f. 2] by me made to all intents and purposes whatsoever. In Witnes whereof I doe / publish this to be my last Will and testament this Nyneth day of

"FHL#92194.

^Jurat. "Officers in the nature of aldermen, sworn for the government of many corporations." Henry Campbell Black, *Black's Law Dictionary* (St. Paul, MN: West Publishing Co., rev. 4th ed., 1968), page 990.

July in the year / of V Lord One Thousand Six hundred fiftie three THOMAS CULLEN
/ Signed sealed / published declared & delivered in the presence of THOMAS CULLEN
Jun Rch / Wickenden

This will was proved at Westminster the one and twentieth day of / September in the
yeare of o' Lord God one Thousand Six hundred ffifty three / an Act for probate of Wills
and granting of Administracons by the oath of / JANE CULLEN the relict and Sole
Executrix named in the will of the said / deceased To Whome was Committed
Administracon of all and Singular the / goods Chatties and debts of the said deceased She
beinge first by Comission / sworne faithfully to Administer the same.

On 3 May 1667, Luke Cullen and Jane Bullock, children of the deceased, proved the
will of Jane Cullen, who had just died. Interestingly enough, Thomas Cullen, Jr., was
not left a bequest in the will of his father. This can indicate that he had already received
a portion of his father's estate, as well as suggest that Thomas, Jr., wished to make his
fortune elsewhere. Therefore, we may establish the following chain of descent:

1. Thomas^A Cullen, Sr., born circa 1590, most likely in Kent, died between 9 July
and 20 September 1653, at Dover, and was probably buried at St. Mary's there. He had
enough property in the various parishes of Kent to have his will probated at the
Prerogative Court. He married 8 November 1612, St. Paul's Canterbury, **Jane^A Loper**,
born circa 1594, St. Mary the Virgin, Dover, Kent, the daughter of Cornelius" Loper
and his wife (—). She was buried at St. Mary's 14 February 1666/7.

Issue (CULLEN) all baptized at St. Mary the Virgin, Dover, Kent:

- i. Richard, baptized 8 August 1613, grocer, married 10 July 1638, Ellen Langdon.
- ii. Jane, baptized 4 December 1614, married (—) Bullock.
- 2 iii. Thomas', baptized 9 March 1616/7, mariner, married, 26 January 1642, either at St.
Mary's, Dover, or at Charlton, Dover, Sarah Alderstone.
- iv. Anne, baptized 6 June 1625, unmarried in 1653.
- v. Nicholas, baptized 21 May 1627.
- vi. Luke, baptized 11 May 1629, married Martha (—).

2. Thomas' Cullen (Thomas^A, the son of Thomas Cullen and Jane Loper, was
baptized 9 March 1616/7, St. Mary's, Dover, Kent, married, 26 January 1642, either at
St. Mary's, Dover, or at Charlton, Dover, **Sarah Alderstone**, the daughter of John
Alderstone and Mrs. Joan (Cooke) Kenton. Thomas is the immigrant to North
Carolina.

Issue (CULLEN):

- i. Thomas², Jr.
- ii. John².
- iii. Richard².
- iv. Sarah².
- v. Anne².
- vi. Christian².
- vii. Mary², married (1) by 1678, John Curre; (2) Thomas Luten, Sr.
- viii. Martha², born 1 May 1663, Dover, Kent, married (1) after 1 May 1681, Robert West;
(2) 19 June 1690, Chowan Precinct, North Carolina, as his first wife, Thomas

THE LOPER FAMILY OF ST. MARY'S, DOVER

As stated above, Thomas Cullen, Sr., married Jane "Loape," or Loper, as stated in the parish registers. Although she is not listed in the parish registers of St. Mary's or of St. James', she may be identified with precision. Her last name was spelled variously as Loape, Looper, Loper, and Lopar.

St. Mary the Virgin, Dover, Kent

Christenings:

29 September 1591, Bartholomew, son of Cornelius Loaper (p. 25)

Burials:

16 June 1599, [], the son of Cornelius Loper (p. 1272)

5 June 1625, Cornelius Loper, householder (p. 1295)

Most of what we know of the Lopers comes from Cornelius' will. We may assume that he was born about 1565, probably in the Netherlands (possibly Rotterdam), and was buried at St. Mary's, Dover, 5 June 1625, his wife having predeceased him, as she is not mentioned in his will.

Consistory of Kent, Liber 46, f. 207b.¹⁴

In the name of God Amen I CORNELIUS / LOOPE of Towne port of Dover in the County of Kent man-in' / being sicke in body yet of good & pfect remembrance thanks be / given to Almighty God for the same do make & ordaine this my / Last will & Testament this two & twentcith day of December / in the yeare ofo' Lord God 1620 And in the eighteenth yeare / of the Raigne ofo' most gracious Sovereigne Lord James by the / Grace of God king of Englande, ffrance & Ireland defender of/ the faith &c &c of Scotland the fower & fiftieth FFIRST I bequeath / my soule unto Almingty God my maker & Orator & to Jesus / Christ my onely Savior & Redeemer, by whose [] mercy & / good [] I assuredly hope & expect for eternall life And I / comitt my body to the earth whereof it is made & to be buried / at the discretion of my Executors hereafter herein named ITM / I give & bequeath unto my sonne JOSEPH LOOPER all that my / quarter or fowerth part of the Barque of Dover called the Alee / thereto belonging to be had, holden & demysed unto my sd sonne / JOSEPH his Executors & Assignes immediately from & after my / decease ITM I give & bequeath unto my daughter JANE CULLEN / the wife of Thomas CULLEN of Dover aforesaid the sume of three / score pounds of good & lawfull money of England to be payd unto / her by my Executor within one yeare next after my decease / ITM I give & bequeath unto ELEAZAR KIRTON, JOANE KIRTON & / MARRY KIRTON the sonne & two daughters of ELEAZAR KIRTON & / MARRY KIRTON of / Dover nViner & of MARY his late wife my daughter deceased / All my

¹⁴Hathaway, III, 1 (January 1903):156.

¹³FHL#188859.

quarter or fowerth part of the good Barque or Crayer" / of Dover called the Mary and all my part of all the anchors / Sailes, apprell and furniture wⁿl thapp[] thereto belonging / & the sume of five & Twenty pounds of good & lawfull mony / of England equally betwccne them to be payd & delivered / unto them severally by my Executor as followeth, vizt, my / said quarter of fowerth pt of the said Barque, anchors, sailes, apprell & furniture immediately after my decease & the said / five & twenty pounds wthin one yeare next after my decease / ITM I give & bequeath unto JOSEPH LOPEY & ANNE LOOPEY / the sonne & daughter of my sonne SEBASTIAN LOOPEY now / Deceased the sume of thirty pounds of good & lawfull money / of England equally betweene them, to be payd unto them / severally by my Executor wⁿin one year next after my / decease ITM I will & bequeath unto ELEAZAR KIRTON my sonne [f. 208:] in law above named the sume of thirteene pounds w⁰¹¹ he oweth / unto me ITM I bequeath unto my Aunt BEATRIX KEYSER / of Rotterdam the sume of forty shillings of lawfull money of / England to be payd unto her by my Executors wⁿin one yeare / next after my decease ITM the rest & residue of all my / goods & chatties, my legacies, debts, & funerall expence paid / & discharged I wholly give & bequeath my said sonne JOSEPH / LOOPEY whome I make sole Executor of this my Last will and / Testament And I do hereby renounce & make void all form' / wills & Testament heerbefore by me made IN witness whereof / I have hereunto set my hand & seale the day & yeare first / above written CORNELIUS LOOPR Read, published, signed, & sealed / & delivered in the p[^]ence of THOMAS CULLEN, ELEZAER KIRTON / by his marke, ELEAZER KIRTON; Tho: Watkins.

Probated 28 July 1625 ...

1. Cornelius⁸ Loper, born by 1565, buried 5 June 1625, St. Mary's, Dover, Kent, married ---?—, who predeceased him, and of whom there is no record in the parish registers of St. Mary's. Cornelius died testate, and his will, dated 20 December 1620, was proved in the Consistory Court of Canterbury, 28 July 1625. He was obviously a seaman of some sort, and had connections and relatives in Rotterdam, in the Netherlands. The name Loper is not particularly English, and the different ways it is found spelled indicate that the scribes were not only unused to it but probably unable to render it in English from someone with a Dutch accent.

Issue (LOPER):

- i. Bartholomew, baptized 29 September 1591, buried (most likely), 16 June 1599.
- ii. Jane[^] married 8 November 1612, St. Mary's, Dover, Kent, Thomasⁿ Cullen, Sr.
- iii. Sebastian, married —•?—, and had issue.
- iv. Mary, married Eleazer Kirton, and had issue.
- v. Joseph, married 17 June 1616, St. James', Dover, Phillis Leggente (p. 137).

THE ALDERSTONE FAMILY OF ST. MARY'S, DOVER

The parish registers of St. Mary's, Dover, contain the following records of Alderstones:

St. Mary the Virgin, Dover, Kent

[^]A crayer is a small trading vessel.

Christenings:

- 29 June 1584, John, son of John Alderstone (p. 16)
- 30 October 1586, Susan, daughter of John Alderstone (p. 19)
- [] March 1592/3, Willyam, son of John Alderstone (p. 26)
- 15 June 1617, John, son of John Alderstone (p. 63)
- 5 August 1621, John, son of John Alderstone (p. 70)

Burials:

- 13 July 1595, Mildred, wife of John Alderstone (p. 1269)
- [] May 1616, [] daughter of John Alderstone (p. 1285)
- 20 June 1617, John, son of John Alderstone (p. 1287)
- 7 December 1637, John Alderstone, householder (p. 1309)
- 19 October 1678, John Alderton (p. 1326)

Canterbury Marriage Licences, First Series, 1568-1618:¹⁶

John Alderstone, of St. Mary's in Dover, malster, and Ann Dowie of Old Romney, virgin, at Old Romney, 6 January 1609.

John Alderstone, of St. Mary's in Dover, malster, and Joan Kenton of St. James's, Dover, widow, at St. James's, 6 November 1612.

St. James's, Dover

Christenings:

- 19 April 1605, Jhone, daughter of Alexander Kenton (p. 4)
- 1 January 1608/9, John, son of Alexander Kenton (p. 4)
- 22 March 1610/11, Christian, son of Alexander Kenton (p. 5)

Marriages:

- 26 November 1601, Alexander Kenton and Jhon Cook (p. 135)

There is a gap in the burials from 1607 through 1611, the time period at which Alexander Kenton would have been buried. However, probate information exists which will clear up the relationship:

Consistory of Kent, Liber 38, f. 40:¹⁷

In the name of god Amen I JOHN / ALDERSTONE of the pishe of St. Maryes in the / Towne and portes of Dover in the Countye of Kent / yeoman sicke in bodye but of pfect memorye thanks be / to the lord therfore Doe make this my last will and / Testament in manner and forme followinge / FIRST I comend my soule into the hands of almightie / god my maker redemer and sanctifier three psons / and one god And my bodye to be buried in the / Churchyard of St. Maryes aforesaid at the discreton / of myne Executor I gyve unto the poore of the / said pishe Twentye shillings to be paid by myne / Executor w[^]in fowertee dayes next after my / decease yfit pleas the lorde to take awaye my / life ITEM I give unto Mr. Pickeringe Tenn / shillings to the ende to make a sermon at my / buryall

""Cowper, page 4.

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yfthe lord take my life ITEM I give to / my fower Daughters MEARYE SYSELYE
 SUSAN / and JANE ALDERSTONE Thirtye pound / oflawfull Englishe money to either
 of / them to be paid unto them at the age of xviiij [f. 41] yeares And if yt please god to
 take anye / one of them before the said age ofEightene years Then / I will that portione
 to be devided Amonge the / other three by equall portions and soe everyone / to be heire
 unto the other And alsoe my will is that / if any one of them dye cease [*decease*] after the
 said age of / Eightene years and not as yet maryed that then that / her portione to be
 equallye devided amonge her / brethren and sisters That then shall remayne alyve / ITEM
 my will is that my other three daughters MARYE / SUZAN and JEANE shalbe
 maynteyned by my said / Executor upon the benefitt of their portions w[^]out / any
 diminishinge of the principall untill they shall / come to the said adge of Eightene yeares
 ITEM / I give unto my two sonnes JOHN and WILLIAM ALDER= / STONE all that my
 dwellinge house in w^{**} I nowe / dwell sett lyeinge and beinge in the towne and porte /
 aforesaid in the ward there Comonly Called Nicholl / warde w^{*} all malting Romes hof
] and other houses / buildyng yards gardens [] potts and pcells grounde / W^{ll} their
 Appurtenance Joyntlye and equallye / betwene them to be devided ITEM my will is / that
 yfmyne Executor Cann selle the said house and / houses wth their Appurtenances before
 specified / it to be sould to the most benefitt of my said two / sonnes and then the money
 received of and for / the sale of the said howses and their Appurtenance to / be equally
 devided betwene my said sonnes / And if it shall please god to take any one of / my said
 sonnes w^{ll} out yssue of his bodye begotten / lawfullye then my will is that the Survivor
 shalbe / heire to the porcon of the deceased ITEM my will / is that yfit please god to take
 the life of both my / sonnes w^{*} out yssue Then my will is that the said / house and houses
 or the portione of money / receaved for the said house and houses to be / equallye devided
 amonge my Children w⁰¹¹ then / shall remayne alive ITEM my will is that my / two sonnes
 shall have the said howse and howses / before bequeathed at the age of one and Twentye
 / yeres and myne Executor to receave the rent of the [f. 41b] said howses or the benefitt
 of the money received for the / sale of them untill the said tyme of their age of one / and
 twentye yeares and to bringe upp my said two sonnes / untill they come to the age of one
 and twentye yeares / w^{*} the rent of the said howses or benefitt of the said / money ITEM
 I give unto my said sonnes to either / of them fortye pound of good lawfull Englishe /
 money to be used by myne Executor till they come to / the age of one and twentye yeres
 and then to be / returned by my Executor unto my said two sonnes / w^{*} their other
 portione PROVIDED allwayes / that my said Executor to uphold and mayneteyne / the
 said house and howses w^{*} sufficient Repacons / as well of tymbre and other necessarye
 repacons / when and as ofte as need shall require ITEM my / will is that the portione of
 my daughter SISELYE / ALDERSTONE be put to her most benefitt for her better /
 mayntenance And yfmy said Executor doe retayne / her said portione in his handes then
 he to maynteyne / and keepe her honestlye and sufficientlye uppon the / benefitt other
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 for her honest mayntenance / or Cause her to be honestlye and sufficientlye / maynteyned
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 / shall give unto either of my said Daughters at the / age of Eightene yeares fortye
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 in whose hands soev^r not bequeathed / I give unto RICHARD DOVES my sonne in lawe
 / whome I make my Executor of this my last will [f. 42] And Testament he discharginge
 my legacyes & funerall / and payeinge my debts and RICHARD SISELEY and RICHARD

/ DAWKES myne overseers and they to have five / shillings a peece towarde their
paindes tyme JOHN / ALDERSTONE wittnesses Richard Pickeringe the m'ke of Richard
Siseleye Richard Dawkes
Proved 21 January 1596

Abstract of the will of Alexander Kenton, Consistory of Kent, Liber 42, f. 16:¹⁸

Nuncupative will of Alexander Kent of the town and port of Dover, in the County of Kent, dated 16 September 1611, made his wife JOANE KENTON executrix, made his loving father-in-law JOHN COOKE, one of the Jurates of Dover, and his brother PETER KENTON of Dover his overseers; children to be educated in the fear of God, to his two sons RICHARD KENTON and JOHN KENTON six score pounds; to his daughter JOANE and CHRISTIAN KENTON eighty pounds; mentioned his mother CHRISTIAN ASKEWE, and forgave her any monetary debts; mentioned his sister, the relict of WILLIAM WOODE, deceased; residue of estate given absolutely to wife JOAN KENTON; witnesses: John Tooke, Peeter Kenton, proved 5 September 1611.

Consistory of Kent, Act Book, Liber 19, f. 94:¹⁹

Dated 7 May 1645; the goods of Joanna Alderstone, widow, formerly of town and port of Dover, Kent, deceased, presented by Richard Alleyne, Oliver Curr[] and Thomas Shindler; administration of her estate given to John Kenton, son of the deceased, witnessed by Jolies [*sic*] Bengier of Dover, malster, and Robert Vayley of Dover, brewer.

We may, therefore, establish the lineage of Sarah (Alderstone) Cullen as follows:

1. John[@] Alderstone, Sr., born by 1560, died before 21 January 1596, St. Mary's Parish, Dover, Kent. He married **Mildred** (—), who was buried 13 July 1595, St. Mary's, Dover, Kent. A malster, both he and his wife died relatively young. He had the following children:

Issue (ALDERSTONE):

- i. Sisley.
- ii. Mary.
- 2 iii. John[^] baptized 29 June 1584, married (1) 6 January 1609, Old Romney, Kent, Ann Dowie; (2) 6 November 1612, St. James, Dover, Kent, Joan (Cooke) Kenton, the widow of Alexander Kenton.
- iv. Susan, baptized 30 October 1586.
- v. Joane, baptized 4 May 1589.
- vi. William, baptized [] March 1592/3.

2. John¹¹ Alderstone (John⁸), the son of John Alderstone, Sr., and Mildred (—), was baptized 29 June 1584, St. Mary's, Dover, Kent, and was buried there 7 December

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^VFHL#S923L.

1637. No will or administration exists for him, and we may assume that his widow retained all of his property until her death. He married (1) 6 January 1609, Old Romney, Kent, **Ann Dowie**, who died by November 1612. He married (2) 6 November 1612, St. James's Parish, Dover, **Joan** (Cooke) **Kenton**, born circa 1583, St. James's Parish, Dover, the daughter of John Cooke and the widow of Alexander Kenton. Joan (Cooke) Kenton Alderstone died by 7 May 1645, probably at St. Mary's Parish, Kent. The administration of her estate was given to John Kenton, a son by her first marriage. Sarah's link to John may be confirmed by the statement in her marriage licence that she was the daughter of "[] Alderston, widow." Joan (Cooke) Kenton Alderstone is the only woman in the parish in 1642 who could be described as such.

Issue (ALDERSTONE) possibly others:

- i. daughter, buried [] May 1616, St. Mary's.
- ii. John, baptized 15 June 1617; buried 20 June 1617, St. Mary's.
- iii. John, baptized 5 August 1621.
- iv. Sarah', born circa 1622, married 26 June 1642, either at St. Mary's, Dover, or at Charlton, Dover, whose records are missing between 1640 and 1660, Thomas' Cullen, Jr. She immigrated with her husband first to Virginia, and then to Albemarle County, North Carolina.

THE COOKE FAMILY

There was no information discovered concerning the family and ancestry of John Cooke, father of Joan Cooke Kenton Alderstone. The following records, taken from St. Mary's, Dover, indicate that the family was there early on.

St. Mary the Virgin, Dover, Kent

Christenings:

- 23 April 1581, John Cooke (p. 14)
- [] October 1583, Richard, son of John Cooke (p. 15)
- 14 December 1585, Rodger, son of John Cooke (p. 18)
- 1 June 1589, Thomas, son of John Cooke (p. 22)
- [] November 1591, [], daughter of John Cooke (p. 25)
- 15 March 1592/3, [], son of John Cooke (p. 27)
- 8 October 1595, Mildred, daughter of John Cooke (p. 31)
- 10 May 1598, Thomas, son of John Cooke (p. 34)
- 19 April 1601, Marye, daughter of John Cooke (p. 38)

Marriages:

- 25 January 1558/9 or 1559/60, [] Smyth and Margerie Cooke (p. 893)

Burials:

- 17 April 1578, John Cooke (p. 1256)
- 9 March 1581/2, John Cooke or Cocke (p. 1259)
- 24 June 1589, John Cooke, a man of Brestowe²⁰ (p. 1264)
- [] November 1591, [], daughter of John Cooke (p. 1266)

²⁰The city of Bristol in Gloucestershire was frequently spelled this way.

24 July 1594, Thomas, son of John Cooke (p. 1268)
15 September 1602, John Cooke, a householder (p. 1274)
[] August 1617, John (?) Cooke (p. 1287)

We know from the will of Alexander Kenton, dated 16 September 1611, that John Cooke was alive at that point. He may be the John Cooke who was buried at St. Mary's in August 1617, as stated above. However, no will or administration for him has been found, nor any other record which might allow us to determine exactly who his children were.

OTHER CULLENS

There was a family of Cullens from Northbourne, Kent, who supplied Dover with two mayors during the Commonwealth. Thomas Cullen, mayor of Dover in 1641 and 1642, was probably from Littlebourne. It was during his second term of office that Dover Castle was seized for the Cromwellian party. William Cullen, mayor in 1651, 1652, 1657, and 1658, during his first term of office caused the Royal Arms to be taken down from the front of the Court Hall, and had the arms of the Commonwealth put in their place.²¹ Obviously these men were ardent Cromwellians.

The parish registers of Northbourne contain the following Cullen entries:²²

Northbourne, Kent

Christenings:

22 August 1585, Margret, daughter of Rychard Cullin (p. 24)
8 October 1587, Rychard, son of Rychard Cullyng (p. 27)
18 November 1588, Alles, daughter of Rychard Cullyng (p. 29)
22 November 1590, Thomas, son of Rychard Cullin (p. 33)
25 February 1591/2, Jane, daughter of Ric. Culling (p. 35)
5 June 1593, Anne, daughter of Rychard Culling (p. 37)
28 March 1594, Mary, daughter of Rychard Culling (p. 40)
22 September 1602, William, son of Thomas Cullinge (p. 61)
29 November 1607, John, son of Thomas Culling (p. 65)
14 January 1609/10, Robert, son of Thomas Culling (p. 69)

Marriages:

6 October 1578, Thomas Ouchman and Sara Cullin (p. 17)
14 October 1578, William Gibbin and Elizabeth Cullin (p. 17)
23 October 1582, John Philpot and Agnes Cullin (p. 21)

Burials:

19 January 1582/3, Thomas Cullin (p. 21)
6 March 1591/2, Jane, daughter of Ric. Culling (p. 35)

²¹ John Bavington Jones, *Annals of Dover* (Dover Express Works, 2nd ed., 1938), pages 330, 331.

²² FHL #1544553, item 8, Transcripts of the Parish Registers of Northbourne, Kent.

The will of Thomas Cullen the elder of Nachester, Kent, was dated 13 April 1642 and proved at Canterbury 9 July 1645. Calling himself the unprofitable servant of God, he gave to his son Thomas Cullen the lease of Cane Close near Langdon Abbey, Kent, which he had lately obtained from Sir Timothy Thornehill and his "now" Lady. He gave to son Thomas's four children the sum of fifty pounds when they reached the age of twenty-one years. He bequeathed to daughter Mary ten groats, and gave to his "cousin" Elizabeth Harwood, "the elder," widow, and her daughter Elizabeth Harwood five pounds a piece. After giving forty shillings to the poor of the parish of Northbourn, he bequeathed to his sister Alice Sweeting of Dover, widow, five pounds, and left his house at Sandwich, Kent, "where he had lately lived," to his son William Cullen and to his heirs forever. Witnesses to his will were Edmund Smith and Abraham Norton.²³

Thomas Cullen, Sr., made a codicil to this will and indicated that his son Thomas, Jr., was a resident of St. Nicholas in Thanet, Kent, and that his son William lived in Dover. The connection is very curious, indeed. The registers of Northbourne suggest that Alice, baptized 18 November 1588, and Thomas, baptized 22 November 1590, were both children of Richard Cullen, and that Thomas, born 1590, was perhaps the testator above.

It is clear that Thomas, Sr., of Northbourne had a son John (baptized 1607, see above) who predeceased him. The will of John Cullen of St. Nicholas in Thanet, Kent, was dated 23 August 1638 and proved in the Consistory Court of Canterbury 12 October 1638.²⁴ Calling himself, as did his father, the unprofitable servant of God, he mentioned his brother William, left bequests to his wife Jean (one hundred pounds), his son Thomas, mentioned his father Thomas Cullen of Sandwich, and made his uncle Elias Harvey of London his executor. Elizabeth Harwood was witness to the will.

However, Thomas Cullen, Sr., of Northbourne, married 20 October 1601, Julian Harvie of Folkestone, at St. Mary Bredman's, Canterbury. He would be too young to have been baptized in 1590 and married by 1601. Some other solution is forthcoming, and it may be that the Thomas and Richard (baptized 1587) who were baptized in Northbourne were Thomas Cullen, Sr., of Dover, who would have been the right age to have married in 1612, and brother Richard, who remained in Northbourne, and married in 1606 at the age of nineteen. The names Thomas and Richard, which are perpetuated through both families, and the connections between Northbourne and Dover are undeniable. Perhaps Thomas Cullen, Sr., of Northbourne and Richard, Sr., were brothers. Further research is needed.

"Archdeaconry of Kent, 1656, f. 605. FHL #1042858.

^Consistory Court of Canterbury, Liber 52, f. 72, FHL #188864.

MADAM ESTHER POLLOCK OF KENT CO., MD., AND CHOWAN CO., N. C., AND THE LUTENS

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Connections between families in colonial North Carolina and those in colonial Virginia are generally part of the awareness of most genealogists researching the families of eastern North Carolina. However, not enough attention has been paid to migrations of families from colonial Maryland into colonial North Carolina. A case in point is the family origins and multiple marriages of Esther/Hester (Jenkins) Sweetman-Wilkinson-Pollock.¹ Related to a constellation of colonial families important in the ancestry of Kent and Talbot counties, Maryland, and early Chowan, Esther Pollock serves as an example of the fact that researchers should not look only to Virginia when tracing their colonial ancestors. It will be the task of this article to examine Esther Pollock's origins in Maryland and then consider her marriages in light of the bequests in her last will and testament. In order to do this fully, we must consider the lives other siblings, her husbands' families, and the one genealogically unifying factor among these details—the family of Thomas Cullen, Sr. Either Pollock bequeathed most of her property to three of the sons of Thomas Luten, Sr. We must find out why this happened.

Much that is known of Esther Jenkins is found in J. R. B. Hathaway's compilation of "Miscellaneous Items of Chowan Precinct:"²

Hester Wilkinson, wife of Col. William Wilkinson, was Hester or Esther Sweetman of Maryland before her marriage to her first husband John Harris. She married 2d Col. Wilkinson, 3d Thos. Pollock & died in 1716. There appears from her will to have been no issue by either marriage.

There are several inaccuracies in the above statement. She was not born "Sweetman" and was not married to John Harris. She died in 1713, not 1716. Luckily, many vital records of Maryland's Eastern Shore exist and contain information which will correct myths that have existed for almost a century. Let us first consider Esther Jenkins's much married mother, Sarah (-----) Jenkins-Brooke-Harris.

MARYLAND ORIGINS

In 1667, Sarah, wife of Thomas Brooke, was transported by her husband to

¹There is frequent variation in the spelling of names throughout the records cited in this study: Esther/Hester, Swcatman/Sweetman, Wilkinson/Wilkison, Luten/Luton. Madam Pollock used the letter E as her mark, so Esther is preferred to Hester herein.

²J. R. B. Hathaway, *The North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register*, I, 3 (July 1900):443-457, especially page 445, hereinafter cited as Hathaway.

Maryland, "together with her three daughters named Jenkins [Liber 10, f. 541]."³ That Sarah Brooke was Sarah (————) Jenkins is made clear from her will, which also demonstrates that she had been widowed for a third time. Sarah Harris, widow of Kent Island, made her will on 16 May 1681, and the same was probated 24 June 1685 in Liber 4, f. 157.⁴ She made a bequest to her grandson John Ingram when he would turn 21, "Lower Plantation," and 100 acres purchased by her late husband, Walter Jenkins. She left other property to son-in-law Christopher Goodhand and Hannah his wife, to daughter Sarah Browne, and to nephew Joseph Weekes. To the aforesaid Christopher Goodhand and Hannah his wife, she left the home plantation and 100 acres, which had been purchased by her late husband Thomas Brooke(s) of William Leeds. Witnesses were Edward Cox, Wm. Wilson, and Jas. Coursey.

From Kent County [Maryland] Court Proceedings, we have the following records:⁵

John Jenkins, born 11 February 1657.⁶

John Jenkins, Jr., buried 12 January 1658.⁷

John Ingram and Hannah Jenkins, married 10 August 1669.⁸

Walter Jenkins, deceased, buried 26 July 1663.⁹

Capt. Jos: Weikes with Marie Hartwell, married 7 day. 5 mo. 1656.¹⁰

Mr. Weickes Child Joseph, buried 6 day. 6 mo. 1656."

St. Paul's Parish, Kent County:

Edward Sweatman, buried 15 March 1698.¹²

A few other records complete the picture of Sarah (————) Jenkins-Brooke-Harris's connections.

³Gust Skordas, *The Early Settlers of Maryland* (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., reprint of 1968 ed., 1995), page 62, hereinafter cited as Skordas.

⁴Ane Baldwin Cotton, ed., *The Maryland Calendar of Wills*, volume 1, 1635-1685 (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1968), pages 157, 158, hereinafter cited as Cotton. References to such "Liber" indicate the records of the Maryland Prerogative Court where wills were probated.

⁵F. Edward Wright, ed., *Maryland Eastern Shore Vital Records, 1648-1725* (Silver Spring, MD: Family Line Publications, 2nd ed., 1982), hereinafter cited as Wright.

aright, page 1. Although we cannot be certain, this child is most likely the son of John and Ann Jenkins, the latter of whom is listed under transports below.

aright, page 2.

"Wright, page 2.

"Wright, page 3.

"Wright, page 1.

"Wright, page 1.

⁶Wright, page 33. Esther (Jenkins) Sweatman was already married to William Wilkinson at this time.

Brooke, Mr. Thomas, Liber 6, f. 42, special warrant for 1000 acres, 14 August 1663.
Brooke, Thomas, Liber 1, f. 165, transported 1650, son of Robert.¹³

Currer, John of Kent Co., Liber 18, f. 149, immigrated 1668.¹⁴

Harris, George, Liber Q, f. 73, transported 1658.
Harris, George, Liber 10, f. 168, immigrated 1660.
Harris, George, Liber 9, f. 354, transported 1662.
Harris, George, Liber 15, f. 397, transported 1676.¹⁵

Hartwell, Joseph, Liber Q, f. 66, immigrated 1656, son of Mary Wickes by a former husband.

Hartwell, Mary, Liber Q, f. 66, immigrated 1656, daughter of Mary Wickes by a former husband.¹⁶

Jenkins, Ann, Liber 4, f. 63, wife of John, transported 1654.
Jenkins, Ann, Liber 10, f. 541, daughter of Sarah Brooke, transported 1667.
Jenkins, Eleanor, Liber 10, f. 541, daughter of Sarah Brooke, transported 1667.
Jenkins, Mary, Liber 10, f. 541, daughter of Sarah Brooke, transported 1667.¹⁷

Wickes, Joseph, Liber Q, f. 66, immigrated 1650.
Wickes, Mary, Liber Q, f. 66, immigrated 1656, wife of Joseph.¹⁸

The will of George Harris of Kent County, Maryland, was written 21 January 1674, and the same was proved 10 April of that same year in Liber 1, f. 611. Harris made a bequest to "Heaster Jenkins," and left the residue of his estate to wife Sarah, and then at her death to John Smith of England, the son of his sister. Witnesses were Disboro Bennett and Nathaniel Bennett.¹⁹ Esther's mention in the will of George Harris is arguably the reason she was not mentioned in the will of her other mother. Obviously Sarah Harris thought her daughter Esther had been amply provided for already.

Therefore, **Sarah** (— — — —)', bom by 1630, died testate in Kent County, Maryland, between 16 May 1681 and 24 June 1685. She married (1) circa 1650, **Walter Jenkins**, who was buried 26 July 1663, Kent County, Maryland. She married (2) by 1667,

~~Skordas, page 62.~~ See the index of abbreviations in Skordas for the actual titles to these Libers.

"Skordas, page 118.

¹⁵Skordas, page 210.

^Skordas, page 213.

^Skordas, page 256.

^Skordas, page 502.

""Cotton, 1:80, 81.

Thomas Brooke (who was not the son of Robert and brother of Baker Brooke).²⁰ He died intestate within a few years,²¹ and Sarah married (3) **George Harris**, the testator of 1674 in Kent County. It is difficult to say just exactly when Sarah (-----) Jenkins arrived on the shores of eastern Maryland. The records indicate that she was "transported" by her second husband, rather than that she "immigrated;" but we do not know if she had children in Maryland, returned to England, and then came back to Maryland at the behest of Thomas Brooke with three of her four Jenkins daughters, Ann, Eleanor, and Mary. That she named her "nephew" Joseph Weekes in her will poses several questions. Joseph "Weekes" was the son of Joseph Wickes and his wife Mary (-----) Hartwell, an immigrant from Virginia, according to the records.²² How was Sarah Harris related to Joseph Wickes, Jr.? Was she the sister of Joseph Wickes, Sr.? The sister of Mary (-----) Hartwell? We cannot tell.

Issue (JENKINS):

- 2 i. Ann/Hannah², born circa 1650, married (1) 10 August 1669, Kent County, Maryland, John Ingram; (2) by 1681, Christopher Goodhand.
- 3 ii. Esther/Hester², born circa 1655, died 1713 in Chowan County, North Carolina; married (1) —?— Sweatman; (2) by 1681, in Chowan County, Col. William Wilkinson; (3) by 1707, Chowan County, as his second wife, Col. Thomas Pollock.
- iii. Mary², *has not been identified*.
- iv. Sarah², married —?— Browne. *She has not been identified*.

2. Ann/Hannah² Jenkins (Walter'), the daughter of Walter and Sarah (-----) Jenkins, was bom by 1650, and married (1) 10 August 1669, Kent County, **John Ingram**, who was dead by 1679. There was some controversy surrounding Hannah before her marriage to John Ingram. A year before she was to be married, on 29 September 1668, she was reported to have "delivered an man child and murdered same." However, a jury ordered that Hannah Jenkins "shall be cleared by proclamation."²³

Hannah, as Hannah (Jenkins) Ingram, was also a legatee, for reasons which are not clear, of Simon Warford of Kent County, the testator of 12 April 1676, whose will was proved 5 May 1683 in Liber 4, f. 14.²⁴ Warford made bequests to John, Jr., and Thomas

[^]*Maryland Genealogies, A Consolidation of Articles from the Maryland Historical Magazine, in Two Volumes* (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1980), 1:92-96.

[^]See Henry C. Peden, Jr., *Inhabitants of Kent County, Maryland, 1637-1787* (Westminster, MD: Family Line Publications, 1994), page 141, hereinafter cited as Peden. According to Kent County court records dated 22 November 1670, George Harris granted unto his wife Sarah his power of attorney,

"See "The Wickes Family," in Robert W. Barnes and F. Edward Wright, *Colonial Families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland* (Westminster, MD: Family Line Publications, 1996), 1:340-342. This article does not indicate that Mary Hartwell was a widow before she married Joseph Wicks, as is indicated by Skordas.

"Peden, page 133.

[^]Cotton,! : ^.

Ingram, the sons of Hannah Ingram, and made Hannah his executrix and residuary legatee. Witnesses were John Griggs and John Rogers. Hannah (Jenkins) Ingram married (2) after 1679, **Christopher Goodhand** of Kent County, who died testate in 1704. His will was dated 3 May 1704 and was proved 4 October of that same year in Liber 3, f. 654. The testator referred to his wife [unnamed] and left a bequest to his daughter Elizabeth, 300 acres, "Poplar Neck," which would revert to his son Marmaduke if Elizabeth did not marry with the consent of her mother. Witnesses were Louis Derouchbrune, Benja. Wicks, and Mary Edwards.²⁵

The will of Hannah Goodhand of Kent Island was dated 17 April 1719 and proved 20 April 1721 in Liber 16, f. 318. She named grandchildren Peasley Ingram, Hannah Goodhand, and Eliza and Sarah (———). She also named Mary, wife of Thomas Hampton, and Samuel, son of Benja. Wickes, deceased. Witnesses were Ben. Ball, Alexandr. Ogston, and Robert Porter.²⁶

Issue (INGRAM):

- i. John³, Jr., born circa 1672, married by 1705, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Mary Peasley.²⁷
- ii. Thomas³, born circa 1674.

(GOODHAND):

- iii. Elizabeth³, born circa 1680.
- iv. Marmaduke³, born circa 1682, married Sarah (———).

ESTHER JENKINS SWEATMAN WILKINSON POLLOCK

3. Esther/Hester² Jenkins (Walter'), the daughter of Walter Jenkins and Sarah (———), was born circa 1655, and died testate in Chowan County, North Carolina, between 20 May 1712 and July 1713. She married (1) —?— **Sweatman**, who has not been identified.

Esther Sweatman was in North Carolina by 2 November 1679, when she appointed her "trusty and well beloved friend" **William Wilkinson** to be her attorney. Wilkinson then "proved the last Will & Testam¹ of Jn^o Ingram desed in the behaife of Hester Sweatman Executrix to the sd. Will . . ."²⁸ By 15 June 1681²⁹ Esther had married

"Cotton, 111:64.

^Cotton.V^1.

"She was the daughter of John Peasley of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, whose will was dated 1 January and recorded January 1708/1709 in Liber 12, f. 321; Cotton, 111:118. John Peasley named grandson Peasley Ingram and son-in-law John Ingram. Peasley Ingram was born 24 August 1707, St. Margaret's Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel County, according to F. Edward Wright, *Anne Arundel County Church Records of the 17th and 18th Centuries* (Westminster, MD: Family Line Publications, 1994), page 109.

^Council Minutes, Wills, and Inventories, 1677-1701, stack file number S.S.874.2, pages 136, 155, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, NC, hereinafter cited as Council Minutes. Colonel Wilkinson held headrights for Hester Pope and John Ingram, certified in March 1693/1694. Is "Hester Pope" a distinct individual, or was "Hester Sweatman" formerly married to a Pope? Weynette Parks Haun, *Old Albemarle County, North Carolina, Book of Land*

Wilkinson, who gave to her a power of attorney "to acknowledg A deede of guift beareing date ye Twelfth of June & to See y⁸ Same pformed according to A former ord'. given to IVT. John Currer . . ."³⁰

Esther's next known appearance in North Carolina records is rather spectacular:

Carolina North and East of Cape Fear. By the Honorable the Deputy Governor and Grand Council:

Wheras an impeachment against Collonel Wm. Wilkison and Hester Wilkison alias Hester Swetnam for divers Crimes and offences hath been Exhibited to this Board by the Worshipfull the Speaker and Burgesses of this present Assembly.

These are in the name of . . . Lds. Proprietors to Charge and Comand you that you take into your Custody the Bodys of the said Wm. Wilkison and Hester Wilkison . . . to answer such things and Matters as by the said house of Burgesses shall be alleiged against them . . . Given under our Hands the 7th day of March Anno Domini 1694/5.³¹

The "crimes and offences" were never enumerated³² and the Wilkinsons seem to have lived simply until William's death, which occurred sometime between 3 January and 9 May 1706.³³ Esther acted as executrix of her husband's estate, with business in the General Court in July 1706.³⁴

By July 1707, however, Esther was clearly the wife of Colonel **Thomas Pollock**,³⁵ and the couple spent a great deal of time executing the bequests of Colonel Wilkinson's will, an activity which involved Colonel Pollock long after his second wife's death.

Warrants and Surveys, 1681-1706 (Durham, NC: Weynette Parks Haun, 1984), page 7, hereinafter cited as Haun.

"A deposition by William Wilkinson concerning his arrest by Robert I holden in October 1680 refers to "your Deponents wife" at that time but does not call her name. Quite possibly the reference is to Esther. Mattie Erma Edwards Parker, William S. Price, Jr., and Robert J. Cain, eds.. *The Colonial Records of North Carolina [Second Series]* (Raleigh, NC: Division of Archives and History [projected multivolume series, 1963-]), 11:421-423, hereinafter cited as Parker et al.

^Council Minutes, page 165.

^Among the signers of this arrest warrant was Thomas Pollock. Why was the name Sweatman mentioned in reference to Esther, who had been married to Wilkinson for years? Parker et al., VII:370, 371.

"Court records do raise a query: were the Wilkinsons involved with John Philpot's treason in cursing King William and adhering to the deposed King James II? Parker, 11:84, 89, 93, 94, 110-112, 178.

"He was present at a Vestry meeting in January and his will was proved in May. Parker et al., X:439; Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., *Early Records of North Carolina* (Keysville and Lawrenceville, VA: Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., 11 vols., 1992-2000), IV:97, hereinafter cited as Bradley.

"Parker et al., IV^1.

"Parker et al., IV:357.

Complete transcripts of the wills of both William Wilkinson and Esther Pollock can be found in volume 5 of the *Colonial Records [Second Series]*, and I refer to those pages for fuller details.³⁶

William Wilkinson had left to his "dear and loving Wife Esther Wilkinson and to her heys for ever" the entire body of his estate, both real and personal, wheresoever it existed, "in this Country or any other part of the World any ways belonging or appertaining to me." He also made her sole executrix, and gave her the powers he would have as executor of the wills of John Harvey and Alexander Lillington. Wilkinson gave gold rings worth twenty shillings apiece to the following persons: Hon. William Glover, Capt. Thomas Luten, Capt. Thomas Blount, and Mr. John Blount. Finally, in the event that Esther would die intestate, he appointed his four last legatees "executors" of the last part of his will, that is, to see that all of his earlier wishes and desires be fulfilled.

One can see that Wilkinson gave to his widow extraordinarily full powers and intended for her to possess his property in fee simple. This intent upon the part of the testator would be the subject of a complicated lawsuit after Esther's death—just whether Esther Pollock had the right to dispose of Wilkinson's property as she saw fit.

Before discussing Esther Pollock's will, it is necessary to add that there are several extant versions of it. There is the original, among the North Carolina Secretary of State loose wills;³⁷ there is a recorded copy in Chowan County, North Carolina, Deed Book B-1, page 180;³⁸ there is a transcription in the North Carolina colonial records, mentioned just below; and there is another recorded copy in S.S.876, page 152.³⁹ The only differences in the several versions are those of spelling, capitalization, and the use of the "ampersand" sign for the conjunction "and." The recorded version in the *Colonial Records of North Carolina [Second Series]* seems to follow the style of the original will a bit more closely in terms of spelling.⁴⁰

Esther Pollock of the precinct of Chowan and county of Albemarle made her will on 20 May 1712, and made Major Thomas Luten and Thomas Luten, Jr., sole executors of

"ParkeretaL.V^S^O.

"Secretary of State Records, North Carolina Wills, 1663-1789, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, NC, hereinafter cited as Secretary of State Wills.

^Margaret M. Hofmann, *Chowan Precinct, North Carolina, 1696 to 1723, Genealogical Abstracts of Deed Books* (Weldon, NC: The Roanoke News Company, 1972), page 96, item 760; hereinafter cited as Hofmann. The abstracted version has two errors: it gives the sum in silver as 300 pounds and calls John Harvey "John Harris."

"See Bradley, V:70, 71. For the will of Esther Pollock, Bradley has an italicized version which he says indicates differences in the loose will and the Secretary of State recorded copy. He misquotes the page number in the S.S.876 volume as 158; the correct page number is 152. See also Thornton W. Mitchell, *North Carolina Wills A Testator Index, 1665- 1900* (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., revised ed., 1992), page 414, hereinafter cited as Mitchell, who seems unaware of any of the recorded copies.

""I have not inspected the original manuscripts from which the *Colonial Records* series was published.

the will. She made many bequests: a Negro woman named Cuttoe to Gov. Edward Hyde; to Mrs. Ann Stewart five pounds; to her "cousin" Marmaduke Goodhand (her nephew, actually), the plantation lying on Sassafras River in Cecil County, Maryland, which had been given her under the will of her father-in-law [step-father] George Harris; to Major Thomas Luten she gave all her lands given her by William Wilkinson, and in case Luten died before she did, to three of his sons: Henderson, Constance, and Thomas; to Major Luten she gave one hundred pounds of silver which her present husband Pollock had given her to do with as she pleased. Esther further specified which plantation should go to the younger Luten children, should their father predecease her. He did not. Esther's will was proved in court in July 1713, only a year after it had been written. It was recorded in Chowan on 19 October 1715 and in the General Court minutes in March 1723, but final acceptance of it did not occur until 20 December 1725 after several years of lawsuits and court maneuvers.⁴¹ Below is a transcription of her original will:

In the Name of God Amen The twentieth day of may in the Year of our Lord God one thousand Seven hundred and twelve I Esther Pollock of ye Precinct of Chowan & County of Albemarle in ye Province of North Carolina Being in good Health of body & of perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling unto mind ye mortality of my body & Knowing that it is appointed for all flesh once to dye do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament revoking and disannulling all other will or wills testament or testaments by me made that is to say principally and first of all I give & recommend my Soul into ye Hands of God yt gave it me and for my Body I Commend it to ye Earth to be buried in a Christian Like & decent Manner at ye discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at ye general resurrection I shall receive ye same againe by ye mighty power of God & as touching Such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased go to bless me in this Life I give devise & dispose of in [—?—] following manner and form.

Item I make Majr Thomas Luten and Thomas Luten Junr. my whole & Sole Executors of this my Will

Item I give and bequeath unto ye Right Honr.able Edward Hyde Esqr. Present Gover. of North Carolina one Negro Woman named Cuttoe

Item I give and bequeath unto Mrs. Ann Stewart five pounds Current Money of this Govert. to be paid her by my Executrs. within twelve months after my decese

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Cosen Malmeduke Goodhand my plantation and tract of Land laying on Sasafrick River in Secell County in ye province of Maryland unto him and his heires for Ever ye Same being given to me by my father in Law Mr. George Harriss deceased

Item I give and bequeath unto Major Thomas Luten my executor all my Lands and ye plantations Lying within this Govert. of North Carolina which was given me by my Late Husband Coll. Wm, Wilkison to him and his Heirs for ever and if he should Happen to die before me then I give the sd Lands aforementioned unto three of his Sons Viz: Thomas Luten Constance Luten & Henderson Luten & their heires for ever that is to say my plantation whereon I

⁴¹Hofmann, 96, 218, 219; Parker et al., V:57, 359-361; Bradley, V:70, 71.

now live called Sandy poynt unto Thomas Luten Junr. my plantation adjoining on Mr. Edward Moseley unto Constance Leuten my plantation lying on the South Side of Chowan River unto Henderson Luten and if any of them should happen to die before me I give ye sd tract or tracts of Land unto ye next heir of the aforesd Major Luten.

Item I give and bequeath unto Major Thomas Luten all ye Hundred pounds in Silver which my Husband Coll. Thomas Pollock hath given me ye Liberty of disposing of at my will & pleasure and also I give & bequeath unto him ye sd Majr Thomas Luten all ye reasdue of my Estate of what kind and Speacy Soever within this Govt. of North Carolina or in any other parts what So ever and further I do make ordain nominate and appoint my sd Executors to be executors of all wills wherein I am Concerned in as Executrix more Especially ye Will of Coll. Wm. Wilkison my Late husband and Mr. John Harvey and in ye sd Office of an Executor to act perform & do as fully and amply to all intents & purposes as I could or ought to have done if Liveing and for ye Sertainty of this being my Last Will & Testament I have hereunto Set my Hand and fixt my Seall ye Day and Year first above written

Ester E M Pollock (Seal)

Signd & Sealld in ye
Presence of Us
Rt. Hicks jurat
James Beasley
Jno. Porter Junr. Sarah Porter
Conrad Eichhorn

No. Carolina Se March Genii. Court 1723

Robert Hicks made oath in open Court that he saw Esther Pollock execute & publish the within Instrument and that he Saw Sarah Porter & Conrad Eichhorn Sett to their Hands as Witnesses Test. W Badham CICurGenll. Letters granted Decembr. Ye 20th. 1725

There are several interesting points in the will of Esther Pollock. The fact that she even made a will, given that her present husband was still alive, is worth noting. Thomas Pollock tried to prevent Esther's land from passing to the Lutens, but the court eventually upheld the verdict that she was possessed of the property in fee simple and that Thomas Luten's possession of the land after the probate of her will was proper. Without being exactly a landmark case for women's rights, the resolution of this lawsuit did demonstrate that the force of a first husband's will could overrule the general tendency of women's property to become that of their present husband.

Now, why did Esther Pollock will her land to the Lutens? Why did she favor neighbors rather than her own husband and stepchildren? Through what connections with the Lutens would she possibly have been impelled to distribute so much of her property to them? The most likely answer, although not the most satisfying one, is that both Thomas Luten, Sr., and Thomas Pollock had married daughters of Thomas Cullen, Sr To clarify these relationships, a discussion of Thomas Cullen and his progeny will

follow.⁴²

THE CULLEN FAMILY⁴³

Thomas' Ciillen immigrated first to Virginia, where he had a land patent on 20 September 1668 of 400 acres in the Upper Parish of Nansemond County adjoining Jno. Moore, Jno. Garret, and Francis Hutchens. The land was granted him for the transportation of eight persons, namely Tho. Cullen, his wife, and six children.⁴⁴ This indicates that he was possibly in Virginia as early as 1665 and that, to have had six children by that time (calculating roughly a birth every two years), he was probably married prior to 1652. Unfortunately, due to the destruction of most of the early Nansemond County records, we can have no trace of his transactions therein. It is possible that he sold his acreage in Nansemond, or that the patent, due to lack of care, escheated.

Thomas Cullen and his family soon immigrated to the County of Albemarle (the northernmost portion of Carolina).⁴⁵ By May of 1670 he was so well established in Carolina that he was a member of the Governor's Council, with concurrent duties as a justice of the General Court. He held these positions at least until March 1675 and was consistently referred to as Capt. Thomas Cullen.⁴⁶

During Culpeper's Rebellion, Cullen was active on the rebel side. He was the fourth of five signers of a "Letter from The Rebels in Carolina. Albemarle County In Carolina The 27th December 1677." Apparently he was a burgess from Chowan Precinct and speaker of the assembly held by the rebels. As the rebellion failed, he evidently fled to Virginia for a time. It was reported of him that he "frequently sells powder, shot and fire-arnes, as well to those Indian nations that are not as those that are in amity with the English, . . . And on notice given to the Magistrates of Virginia, Warrants were

[^]The editor has added much of the material appearing below in Thomas Cullen's Carolina biography.

"See the lead article in this magazine for Cullen's English ancestry.

[^]Nell Marion Nugent, abstracter, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, Volume Two: 1666-1695* (Richmond, VA: Virginia State Library, 1977), page 55, hereinafter cited as Nugent. The Upper Parish was the southern portion of Nansemond County, adjoining the Carolina line.

[^]Headrights accrued in Carolina for Thomas Cullen, his wife Sarah, and his children John, Richard, Sarah, Anne, Mary, Christian, and Martha. Cullen assigned the rights to Sir William Berkeley. (This must have occurred prior to Berkeley's return to England in 1676.) The rights passed from Berkeley to John Culpeper, from Culpeper to Peter Carteret, from Carteret to Ralph Coates, and from Coates to Ralph Fletcher. On 30 March 1680 Fletcher obtained a land warrant founded upon these rights. Haun, page 5.

Cullen may have traveled back and forth between Carolina and Virginia. Headrights listed in a huge grant of Nansemond County land to Col. John Blake and Wm. Codogan on 25 February 1673/1674 included Thomas "Cullin" three times and Jno. "Cullin" once. Nugent, page 142.

[^]Haun, page 8; Parker et al., 11:1-7.

there issued out for apprehending him . . . ,"⁴⁷

It may have been the political trouble engulfing him that prompted the following:

... I Thomas Cullen living in Chowan Precinct in Albemarle County . . . doe give . . . unto my loving wife Sarah Cullen all the land I now Live on and the building and orchards . . . with the Land adjoining of my Claim for six hundred and forty acres of land or therabouts To say from Samon Creeke on the south and soe northward along the River side . . . she the same to have and enjoy during her life . . . And after her desease . . . I Give that part of the Said Land wheron I live . . . unto my Daughter Martha Cullen . . . And after my wife Sarah's dease or when shee my said wife please . . . I give the other part of my said land . . . unto my daughter Mary wife of Jno. Curren . . . And all the Cattle formerly given unto my Daughters Mary wife of Jno. Curren and Martha Cullen with the increase of them I now again give and confirme unto each of them in and by this deed of Gift. . . this 10th day of March 1678/9.⁴¹

Capt. Thomas Cullen was present as a justice in a court held in February 1679 [1680]; the court is not specifically identified, but it may have been for Chowan Precinct. He appeared as justice (along with William Wilkinson) in the County Court of Albemarle in March 1682/1683, June 1683, and September 1683. The last reference to him in the scanty Albemarle Court minutes is in April 1685 when he brought suit against Thos. Hurst for debt.⁴⁹

After transferring his land on Salmon Creek to his wife and two daughters, Cullen acquired additional land. On 14 March 1682 [1683] he purchased 130 acres "lying in Mattacomock Creek" [Chowan Precinct]. This land he assigned on 23 May 1687 to Jeremiah Exum of Isle of Wight County, Virginia; a subsequent reference to this transaction claims it was made by Thomas Cullen "of Dover." This links to two deeds made in March 1683/1684: (1) a sale from Joseph Chew to Jno. Gatlin, witnessed by "Thomas Cullen Junior" and (2) a sale by "Jno. Gat." to "Tho. Cull of Dover."⁵⁰

Did Capt. Thomas Cullen return to his old home in Dover? If so, he did not remain there, as it appears he died intestate in Isle of Wight County in 1689. On 9 July of that year, administration on his estate was requested by Thomas Sykes, Robert Lawrence, and Robert Cooper. Robert Lawrence and Jeremiah Exum presented an account of the estate, and an appraisal was made by William Mayo, William Smealy, William Murphy,

⁴⁷Parker et al., VII:349; William L. Saunders, ed., *The Colonial Records of North Carolina* (Raleigh, NC: State of North Carolina, 10 vols., 1886-1890), 1:259, 260, 273, hereinafter cited as Saunders.

⁴⁹The deed of gift was recorded in the 1697 minutes of the General Court at the request of Col. Thomas Pollock. Parker et al., 111:31, 32.

⁵⁰Haun, page 27; Parker et al., 11:333, 336, 337, 339, 341, 342, 359.

⁵¹Parker et al., 11:336, 452; Hofmann, pages 22, 32. One of Hofmann's abstracts shows "a Dover" where the other has "Dover." The Chowan deeds of the period exist in nineteenth-century transcriptions, precluding examination of copies contemporary with the original sales, but a contemporary reference does survive in the *Colonial Records [Second Series]* transcription and that has Dover.

and Francis Bridle; the appraisal and account were recorded 23 October 1689.⁵¹

Issue (CULLEN) [only the descendants of his last two daughters will be traced]:

- i. Thomas², Jr.
- ii. John².
- iii. Richard².
- iv. Sarah².
- v. Anne².
- vi. Christian².
- 2 vii. Mary², married (1) by 1678, John Currer; (2) Thomas Luten, Sr.
- 3 viii. Martha², born 1 May 1663, Dover, Kent, married (1) after 1 May 1681, Robert West; (2) 19 June 1690, Chowan Precinct, as his first wife, Thomas Pollock.⁵²

2. Mary² Cullen (Thomas'), the daughter of Thomas Cullen and Sarah (———), was born by 1658, possibly Dover, Kent, and was alive as late as July 1737 in Chowan County, North Carolina, according to Chowan County Deed Book W-1, page 353. She married (1) by 1678 **John Currer**, who may be the transportee to Maryland listed above by Skordas. John Currer died testate between 1 May 1681 and 5 February 1683, Albemarle County, North Carolina, leaving his wife (unnamed in the will), a daughter Sarah, and an unborn child. Witnesses were Thomas Luten, and his sister-in-law Martha Cullen.⁵³ What became of Sarah Currer is not known.

Mary (Cullen) Currer married (2) circa 1684, **Thomas Luten**, who was justice of the General Court and Chowan Precinct Court, Assembly member, and Provost Marshall.⁵⁴ He is said to have died around March 1731, survived by his wife and ten children. An abstract of his now lost will survives in Hathaway, volume I, page 134, and is unfortunately not indexed in Thornton Mitchell's work:⁵⁵

Thomas Luten. Executed February 16, 1729; son William Luten, son Constance, daughter Christian Luten, son Constant and Martha Holey [unidentified], daughter Rachel Farlow, son Thomas, daughter Anne Brinn, daughter Sarah Standing, daughter Mary Haughton, son Henderson, wife Mary; wife Mary and son Henderson Executors; John Lovick, John Randolph, of Williamsburgh, Va., Wm. Little, Attorney General of the Province, son Thomas,

⁵¹Blanche Adams Chapman, *Wills and Administrations of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, 1647-1800* (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., re-format of 1938 edition, 1975), pages 30, 75. Reference to the full record in Isle of Wight County Will and Deed Book 2, page 298, shows the estate consisted largely of linen, dowlas [a coarse linen], tobacco, and "worm-eaten coonskins."

⁵²"Queries and Answers," in Hathaway, III, 1 (January 1903); 156.

⁵³Secretary of State Wills.

⁵⁴William S. Powell, ed., *Dictionary of North Carolina Biography* (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 6 vols., 1979-1996), 4:109, hereinafter cited as Powell. See also Haun, page 94, item 279: "These are &c. To Survey & lay out for Tho. Luten &c. 400 acres . . . due to Tho. Luten by Mar: relect of Jno. Currier," dated 31 March 1697.

⁵⁵Mitchell.

son-in-law Robert Hicks and son I lenderson Luten, Executors of that part of my estate given me by Madame Pollock. Test, Francis Beasley, Henry Bonner; probated March 31st 1731.⁵⁶

Issue (CURRER):

- i. Sarah³, born circa 1680; *no further record*.
- ii. child?³, born circa 1681.

Issue (LUTEN) birth order uncertain:⁷

- iii. Esther³, born circa 1686, married by 1713, Chowan County, Robert Hicks.³⁸
- iv. Mary³, born circa 1698, married (1) by 1716, Jonathan Evans;⁵⁹ (2) by 25 November

^Hathaway, I, 1 (January 1900):! 34; Hathaway noted that Robert Hicks married Esther, daughter of Thomas Luten.

"List of children from Powell, 4:109. Powell's information concerning the marriages of Luten's children is incomplete.

^This is confirmed by their signatures as witnesses to the following deeds in Chowan: W-1, page 191, dated 11 August 1719; B-1, page 532, dated 7 January 1717/1718; C-1, page 180, dated 2 November 1721; C-1, page 326, dated 4 August 1722. The will of Robert Hicks was dated 25 November 1733 and proved January 1733; S.S.876, page 297. He named wife Esther, son Thomas, and son-in-law John Halsey; executors were his wife and Thomas Luten. Esther Hicks was alive as late as 28 September 1748, according to Chowan County, North Carolina, Deed Book E-1, page 346, at which she and her son Thomas deeded land left them by (the last will and testament of) Robert Hicks to John Halsey. John Halsey is most likely the testator who died in Chowan County, according to Chowan County Will Book 1, page 6, in May 1762, naming children William, Jeremiah, Samuel, Frederick, Edmond, and Mary Halsey. Witnesses were John and Sarah Beasley (another tempting connection), and Bridget Garret. According to Jonathan B. Butcher, "Probate Records in Chowan County, N. C., Bound Miscellaneous Papers, 1694-1799," in *The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, VII, 2 (May 1981):84, a Mary Halsey (uncertain whether she is wife or daughter), died by 1762. According to Chowan County Deed Book E-1, page 116, dated 1 April 1746, Mary signed with John Halsey on a deed to John Taylow.

^See Hathaway, II, 2 (April 1901):290: "Thomas Luten to my daughter, Mary Evans. Conveys Sandy Point, adjoining lands of Jeremiah Vail. 200 acres, Sarah [born 26 February 1717/1718, Perquimans County, North Carolina, Register of Births, f. 89], Mary, and Elizabeth Evans daughters of Jonathan Evans; Nov. 12, 1725. Test, Elizabeth Hews, Luke Gregory." Mary (Luten) Evans did not have a son William, and was not the testatrix of 1723, as stated by Mrs. V/atson Winslow, *History of Perquimans County: As Compiled from Records Found There and Elsewhere* (Raleigh, NC: Edwards & Broughton Co., 1931), page 347. Daughter Elizabeth Evans married (1) Thomas Haughton, who was deceased well before 1754 (*The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, VII:84) and had a daughter Mary Haughton named in the will of William Haughton, below. Elizabeth (Evans) Haughton married (2) John Penrice, and had daughters Mary and Sarah mentioned in William Haughton's will, as well. John Penrice was deceased by 1754 and his brother Francis was guardian to his two daughters (*The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, VII: 147). Mary Evans married Thomas Burkett of Perquimans County, North Carolina, by 1752 according to Perquimans County Deed Book I", instrument 54. Thomas Burkett and wife Mary sold 141 acres patented on 22 November 1714 by her father Jonathan Evans. Later in Perquimans County Deed Book I, instrument 26, dated 7 October 1777,

- 1725,⁶⁰ William Haughton;⁶¹ (3) by 1752, Chowan County, Eli Griffin.⁶²
- v. Thomas³, Jr., married Hannah (———).⁶³
- vi. William³, born circa 1700, married (1) by 1720, Anne Hoskins;⁶⁴ (2) by 1744, Frances Hutchins.⁶⁵
- vii. Constant/Constance³, married (possibly) Elizabeth (———).⁶⁶
- viii. Henderson³, married (———).⁶⁷

Thomas Burket and Mary his wife, and Elizabeth Butler, all of Chowan, deed 50 acres to Richard Hatfield. From this last deed, and since the three grantors obviously shared ownership of the land, it is clear that the Burketts are related to Elizabeth Butler. But it is not clear whether she is their daughter or Mary (Evans) Burkett's sister, having married for a third time.

^According to Chowan County Deed Book, C-2, page 11.

^The will of William Haughton was dated 17 November 1749 and proved January 1752, Secretary of State Wills. He named wife Mary, sons Joshua, James, Job, and David; daughters Rachel and Esther Haughton; granddaughters Mary and Sarah Penrice; grandchildren Sarah, Jonathan, and Mary Haughton; granddaughter Mary Haughton daughter of Thomas Haughton, deceased; grandson William, son of son David; executors were John Benbury and son David Haughton.

^*The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, VII:85, lists the petition of "Eli Griffin and Mary his wife late Widow and Relict of William Houghton."

"Thomas, Jr., died testate in Chowan around 1766. His will was dated 21 August 1766 and recorded in Chowan County Will Book A, page 259. He named wife Hannah, sons William, John, and Thomas; grandsons Thomas and Samuel Luten; daughter Elizabeth Mathias; granddaughters Hannah Mathias, Esther Luten, and grandson Thomas Mathias. His son James, who married a daughter of Solomon King (see footnote for Henderson Luten), died shortly thereafter.

^She was the daughter of Thomas Hoskins of Chowan, whose will was dated 24 October 1733 and proved April 1734. He named "Willm. Luten husband to my daughter Ann, deceased." See Secretary of State Wills.

"This William Luten, always styled as "Sr." to distinguish him from his nephew (son of Thomas) or his own son, was in Orange County, North Carolina, as late as 1770, and witnessed his son-in-law William Weston's will in Johnston County, North Carolina. He was something of a scoundrel and was continually beset with troubles. His second wife, whom he married by 1744 (Chowan County Deed Book A-1, page 298, dated 30 October 1744) is identified in a deed of gift to his son William Luten, "son of my now wife Francis Hutchins," according to Chowan County Deed Book 1755-1757, page 81, dated 10 December 1755, presented in court 9 August, and registered 18 December 1756.

^According to Chowan County Deed Book W-1, page 293, dated 2 November 1722, Cont. Luten and Elizabeth Luten witnessed a deed from Thos. Kirk to Moses Oliver. Constant Luten is not known to have had any issue.

"Henderson Luten was deceased by 1747/1748; *The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, VII:88. His children were James, Henderson, Sarah [who married William Bonner in 1744, according to a marriage bond], and Ephraim. Research has not uncovered the name of Henderson Luten's wife.

- ix. Christian³, married (most likely) Robert Beasley.⁶ⁱ
- x. Rachel³, married (—?—) Farlow, *no further record*.
- xi. Ann³, married (—?—) Brinn, *no further record*.
- xiii. Sarah³, born circa 1710, married (1) by 1728, Edward Standing; (2) by April 1758, Chowan County, John Harlow.⁶⁹

3. Martha² Ciullen (Thomas"), the daughter of Thomas Cullen and Sarah (—?—), was born 1 May 1663, Dover, Kent, and died 17 March 1700/1701, Chowan County. She married (1) after 1 May 1681, **Robert West**, who died testate in 1689, Chowan Precinct; (2) 19 June 1690, Chowan Precinct, as his first wife, **Thomas Pollock**, born 6 May 1654, Glasgow, Scotland, and died 30 August 1722, Chowan County, the son of Thomas Pollock of Bal-gra, Scotland.⁷⁰ Thomas Pollock and Martha Cullen had two sets of twin girls, neither of which survived.

Robert West's will was dated 28 March 1689 and proved 4 June 1689 and mentioned wife and executrix Martha, sons Robert, Thomas, John, and Richard, brothers John and Benjamin West, and brother-in-law Thomas Simons.⁷¹ Two years later Martha (Cullen) West married Thomas Pollock, acting governor of the colony of North Carolina from 1712 to 1714 and again in 1722.⁷² As stated above, Thomas Pollock married (2) Esther/Hester (Jenkins) Sweatman-Wilkinson, who predeceased him.

Thomas Pollock's will was proved February 1722, Chowan County. He named Miartha, wife of Thomas Bray, son Thomas, son Cullen, and son George.

Issue (WEST):

- i. Robert³, married Mary Harvey.⁷³
- ii. Thomas³, married Martha Blount; she married (2) between 1722 and 1725, Chowan County, (—?—) Worley/Worsley.⁷⁴

^According to Chowan County Deed Book W-1, page 257, dated 19 July 1735, Constance Luten of Bertie Precinct, Robert Beasley and his wife Christian, all deeded land to Thomas Luten, Jr., 200 acres in Chowan which had been patented by Thomas Luten, deed., 6 November 1707. Robert Beasley was also guardian of the orphans of Edward Standing.

^*The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, VII:203. Sarah was administratrix for her husband who was dead by 1738. Their children, some of whom were minors in 1744, were Edward, Sarah, Mary, Henderson, and Thomas.

^All this information is from Hathaway, 111:156.

^Secretary of State Wills.

"Powell.V:!^, 117.

"Thomas Harvey, will dated 10 April 1729, proved 10 November 1729, Perquimans County, called Col. Robert West "brother-in-law" and named nieces Martha, Sarey, and Mary West; see Secretary of State Wills.

^She was the daughter of John Blount who, according to Hathaway, I, 3 (July 1900):445, came into court 7 April 1722, on behalf of his daughter Martha West, administratrix of Thomas West, deceased. In John Blount's will, dated 27 January 1725/1726, proved 18 May 1726, she was called Martha Worsley (Secretary of State Wills).

- iii. John³, married Elizabeth Rose.⁷⁵
 - iv. Richard³, *no further record*.
- (POLLOCK):⁷⁶
- v. Martha³, born 26 March 1691, died 29 October 1691.
 - vi. Elizabeth³, born 26 March 1691, died 7 September 1691.
 - vii. Elizabeth³, born 22 January 1693, died 22 January 1693.
 - viii. Martha³, born 22 January 1693, died 22 January 1693.
 - ix. Martha³, born 4 March 1693/1694, married 10 February 1713/1714, Thomas Bray of New Kent County, Virginia.
 - x. Thomas³, born 9 November 1695, married Elizabeth (Sanderson) Crisp, who married (3) Samuel Scolley of Bertie County, originally from Boston, Massachusetts.
 - xi. Cullen³, born 27 September 1697.
 - xii. George³, born 25 October 1699, married (1) Sarah Swann; (2) 18 April 1734, Elizabeth Whitmell, born 1717, who married (2) 2 February 1736/1737, Thomas Blount; she married (3) 2 October 1746, William Williams.

CONCLUSION

Esther Pollock's partiality to the Lutens was clearly a matter of displeasure for her third husband, the former governor Pollock. He entered a caveat against the will and determined to prevent letters testamentary from being issued to her executors. Until his death, he sought to eject the Lutens from Wilkinson land. The struggle continued after his death, with his sons troubling the courts in their turn.⁷⁷ Nevertheless, as stated above, the will was probated. In many ways, it was completely normal for women, coming into a second marriage with property in their own right, to dispose of it as they saw fit. Many, who predeceased their second husbands, made wills of their own and left property to persons unrelated to their second husbands, especially if there were no issue by the second marriage, or they felt that such issue would be well provided for by the second husband.⁷⁸

"Chowan County Deed Book W-1, page 124, circa 1713; she gave power of attorney to her father Richard Rose. She is said to have married (2) Thomas Boyd, according to Hathaway, III, 2 (April 1903):249. The will of John West was dated 10 July 1719 and recorded in S.S.875, page 77. He named wife Elizabeth, and did not mention children. However, the record of the second marriage in Hathaway is dated in the first decade of the 1700s. This refers to John West, Sr., uncle of the aforesaid John, whose widow was Winifred, not Elizabeth. As Winifred Boyd, she died testate in 1720, naming West children.

^From Hathaway, 111:156, 157.

"Parker et al., V:142, 143, 175, 176, 190, 203, 230, 258, 340, 341, 358-361; Parker et al., VII:59,61,62,81, 119, 130, 136, 142, 158; Margaret M. Hofmann, *Province of North Carolina, 1663-1729, Abstracts of Land Patents* (Weldon, NC: The Roanoke News Company, 1979), page 148.

^A case in point is the will of Thamar (Duke) Wortham-Jones, whose will was dated 24 December 1823, and proved May 1824 in Warren County, North Carolina. Although she had children by both husbands, she made bequests only to those of her first marriage, considering most likely that her Jones children would be well provided for by her second husband. Warren

Was Esther Pollock voicing an emotional distance that she felt for her third husband and his large family? Had the Pollock children been too old for Esther to form a maternal bond with them after marrying their father? The records are silent about this, although there is plenty of evidence that Thomas Pollock did everything in his power to have the will revoked. The records are silent, as well, about a relationship with the Luten family that Esther would have had other than through the Cullen connection. Unless there was a reason, unrevealed by any records both in Maryland and possibly in England, we must accept the Cullen connection as a genealogical reason for her bequests to the three sons of Thomas Luten by his wife Mary (Cullen) Currer.

Politically speaking, Thomas Luten's friendship with Henderson Walker, who along with William Wilkinson was disbarred from the Provincial Court, may have been a mitigating factor as well. Was Esther Pollock honoring her second husband's friendship through Henderson Walker with Thomas Luten, who remembered Governor Walker by naming one of his sons Henderson Luten?⁷⁹ Thomas Luten, Sr., friendly with Walker must have known Wilkinson, and one might assume, with his service on the vestry of St. Paul's Parish in Chowan, that he was equally anti-Quaker as the former two. Mrs. Pollock may have considered Luten's children more worthy candidates for the bequest of Wilkinson's land than her own stepchildren.⁸⁰

County, North Carolina, Will Book 26, page 176.

[^]Powell, 6:200, 201, an exceedingly well-written article by Mrs. Mattie Erma E. Parker. Mrs. Parker lists William Wilkinson as a resident of Maryland. While this may be true, I have not found the references for it, unless he married Esther (Jenkins) Sweatman there. See also the article written by William S. Powell on Henderson Walker; Powell, 6:111,112. I am grateful to Mr. Weston Adams of Columbia, South Carolina, for having suggested this line of reasoning.

""The editor offers another theory. Esther's husband William Wilkinson had known Mary Cullen's husband John Currer no later than 1681. Esther was thus in the Cullen sphere of association before Thomas Pollock ever came to Carolina. Wilkinson served as a justice alongside Capt. Thomas Cullen in 1683 and as vestryman later with both Pollock and Thomas Euten. Esther knew Luten as a long-time neighbor, a very close Wilkinson friend, and an in-law of Pollock. Euten's landed interests appear to have been primarily in Chowan, while Pollock interests were scattered over the entire colony. Perhaps Esther preferred her lands should go to someone she had known longer, someone less likely to be an absentee landlord. Bradley, 11:25 and IV.-69. 70; Parker et al, 11:333, 337, 339, 341; Parker et al., X:431; Hofmann, *passim*; Saunders, 1:873.

HO! FOR CALIFORNIA: NORTH CAROLINIANS AT THE GOLD RUSH, 1850

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In 1848, shortly after the war with Mexico, gold was discovered in the newly acquired territory of California. This news set off one of the great migrations of the nineteenth century. People from thirty-one states as well as from Australia, France, England, Mexico, and Chile were represented. There was no safe route to the fields. If one went by ship, around Cape Horn (although the least expensive way), living conditions were not the best and there was always the danger of shipwreck. If one chose the more expensive Isthmus route (across Panama), it may have been quicker, but malaria was rampant, as the rivers were mosquito infested. Overland by wagon train was yet another route; it might take five or six months and starvation was a very real threat. On all three passages there was danger of cholera. One enterprising Northerner advertised that travelers could, for \$50.00, take his "Aerial Locomotive" to the fields. His design was that of a modern airship, but his project literally never got off the ground!"

North Carolina was well represented in those that flocked to the fields. Letters written home fueled the desire to partake of the riches. This, from a miner whose brother lived in the small North Carolina town of Wilmington:

I have about \$117,000 worth of Gold. The first month of the excitement, myself and companion collected upwards of seventeen pounds, but as the sickly season has commenced, I have left the mines.... Capt. Taylor has \$70,000 in Gold.... I bought me a pair of boots yesterday and paid for them two ounces of Gold. I could not get them for less.²

It has been estimated that anywhere from 80,000 to 100,000 people made the trek to the gold fields. Late in 1850, a federal census was taken; an examination of these records indicates that most Argonauts were young (in their twenties) males. In 1849, women made up less than two percent of the population, while in 1850 it rose to only eight percent. One writer has recorded:

The few homespun women in the mining towns were treated with an exaggerated deference that was more than gratifying; it was embarrassing. One lady wrote home that men had traveled forty miles just to gaze at her, and I was never called a handsome

²Donald Dale Jackson, *Gold Dust* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1980), pages 88, 89; hereinafter cited as Jackson. See also *North Carolina Standard*, 21 March 1849.

[^]*Wilmington Commercial*, 2 January 1849. Unfortunately, the author is not known, but he was or had been in the Army.

woman, even in my best days and even by my most ardent admirers.³

In Raleigh a company was being formed of one hundred people, for the purpose of "gathering gold." Women were especially sought as:

[W]ives are far scarcer, and in much greater demand than gold, in California, a few of the stout hearted and lovely girls, and widows, of the old North State, would assuredly find the enterprise a princely speculation-in immediately getting rich husbands in that fine country

Our Carolina girls and widows, old and young, ugly and pretty, would go off like hot cakes . . . for husbands and gold!⁴

From all over North Carolina, gold-seekers came to find their fortunes. It isn't known how these hardy adventurers fared, some found their fortune, most did not. One thing was certain, they had been there, they had indeed "Seen the Elephant."

The following is gleaned from that United States Federal Census of California in 1850. It is a listing of persons giving the State of North Carolina as their birthplace. Counties and entries are listed alphabetically. Parts of the original census were lost (San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Contra Costa). Each entry gives the person's name, age, and page number where that entry is found. Females are indicated by an asterisk, while Blacks and Mulattos are indicated by (B) or (M) after their name. As in any such record, there are errors (the miners tended to move around a lot!); in El Dorado County, the Gants are listed on page 283, (four persons ranging in age from 22 to 28). A few pages later are the Grants, same names, but a few years older!

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BROWN, Joshua, 30

CHAPMAN, James, 22

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Jackson, page 316. Jackson writes that there were emigrants from twenty-five countries.

⁴*North Carolina Standard*, 31 January 1849. Needed most were "wives, seamstresses, housekeepers, milliners, tailors", then came "carpenters, blacksmiths, masons, shoemakers and tanners[.]" Is it no wonder the women did not flock to California?

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 JIMINY, West, 28, 27
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Land

Jones Co.

Other

Value (£)

Negroes (by age group)

Cattle

Horses

Amt. Taxable Property (£)

Information from that "Return" follows. The editor has re-formatted the material. All land is in Jones County unless otherwise stated. Abbreviations: A - acres; do - ditto.

District No. 1 (Reedy Branch to Crooked Run -
A. Busset SIMMONS and Edward WHITLEY, Esquires)'

1. HATCH, Edmund. 150 A adj. Mr. WATSON. (Other: '2 lot in New Bern.) £10,491.
2. HATCH, Narcissa (minor) Edmd. HATCH (guardian). 150 A on Simmonses Br. £3,720.
3. SIMMONS, Emmanuel. 1,441 A. £10,956.
4. HATCH, Lemuel. 640 A. £10,000.
5. HATCH, Anthony (minor) Leml. HATCH Exor. 200 A. £4,260.
6. HATCH, Durant (minor) Leml. HATCH (guardian). 500 A. £6,020.
7. HATCH, Lucy. 1,226 A. £7,271.
8. HATCH, John. 400 A. £7,620.
9. SIMMONS, A. Busset. 540 A. £2,625.
10. ROSS, Reuben (a Quaker refuse to swear). 65 A. £858.
11. CRUTCHFIELD, Eusabius. 73V4 A. £441.
12. TAYLOR, Cornelius. 120 A. £460.
13. LIPSEY, William. 190 A. £965.
14. WILLIAMSON, Richard. 80 A. £850.
15. VENTERS, David. 200 A. (Other: 100 A in Dobbs Co.) £906.
16. STEEL, Peter. 230 A. £1,591.

'District No. 1 has no entries for Negroes, Cattle, Horses, and Amt. Taxable Property.

- 17 AMIET.Mary 100 A £505
- 18 BURNET.John 160 A £1,090
- 19 ALCOCK,John 270 A £910
- 20 REYNOLDS, Robert £123
- 21 REYNOLDS, Christopher 250 A £7,138
- 22 MORRIS, Thomas £293
- 23 ANDREWS, Adam 427 A £1,750
- 24 CRUTCHFIELD, Mary 33 1/2 A £109
- 25 AMIET, Vincent 50 A £337
- 26 LIPSEY, Arthur 218 A £1,550
- 27 MALLARD, John (Other 100 A in Duphn Co) £478
- 28 OLIVER, John 300 A £1,451
- 29 EUBANKS, John 200 A £1312
- 30 LIPSEY, Roscow 253 A £1,740
- 31 RESONOVER, Joseph 340 A £2,171
- 32 ROSS, David 70 A £668
- 33 ANDREWS, Peter 447 A £1,809
- 34 WILSON, Josiah 275 A £277
- 35 EUBANKS, E[l]i[jah £425
- 36 EUBANKS, Thomas 500 A £1,100
- 37 BUMPUS.Jabe £160
- 38 NEWCOME, Jamima £160
- 39 BRYAN, Miss Nancy & Penelope[,] Busset SIMMONS, Gdn 170 A, part in Jones,
part in Dobbs Co £543
- 40 SMITH, James 150 A £180
- 41 JOHNSTON, Colhnson 100 A £1,038
- 42 LITTLETON, Edmund 100 A £140
- 43 LEE, Thomas 331 A £2,000
- 44 SANDERS, Mary 267 A £4,774
- 45 LEE, Mary 80 A £560
- 46 KNIGHT, Kadar ("£88 in my possession as factor foi Enos HARRALD") 333 A
£1,018
- 47 FOY, Joshua 200 A (Other 100 A in Craven Co) £5,218
- 48 DIAS.Wilson 112 A £603
- 49 FOY, William £1,753
- 50 SHEPHLRD,Elizabeth £573
- 51 FOY, Frederick £738
- 52 ANDERS, Reuben 100 A £770
- 53 WEEKS, Abigail 150 A £1,820
- 54 RICKETSON.Beishaba (minor estate) £1,000
- 55 RICKETSON, Gordias (minor estate) 15 A £485
- 56 WHITTY, Edward 272 A £1,834
- 57 AUSTON.John 200 A £400
- 58 SMITH, Peter £462
- 59 HICKS, Solomon 200 A (Other 585 A in Carteret Co) £1,005
- 60 FOY, Thomas 294 A (Other 1,040 A in Carteret Co) £17,395

61. LITTLETON, Thomas. 320 A. £710.
 62. Orphans of BARRETT, Vinton [;] Thomas LITTLETON, admr. (Other: 130 A in Carteret Co.) £374.
 63. HIGGINS, Dorothy. 33 A. £224.
 64. MARKET, Rachel. 75 A. £1,344.
 65. CAHOON, John. 75 A. £901.
 66. RIMER, Anne. £104.
 67. Orphans of WALLAS, Andrew [;] John CAHOON, gdn. £103.
 68. GUIN, Daniel. £410.
 69. SIMMONS, Anne. 300 A. £4,092.
 70. TAYLOR, William. 300 A. £525.
 71. TIMMONS, John. (Other: 50 A in Onslow Co.) £185.
 72. FOY, Jacob. £4,617.
 73. GUIN, Henry. £100.
 74. SIMMONS, Elijah. 200 A. £2,420.
 75. GRANADE, John. 300 A. £7,018.
 76. RANSOM, George. £111.
 77. GRIFFITH, William. 016 A. £142.
 78. SANDERS, Jesse. £265.
 79. GRANADE, Joseph. £341.
 80. GRIMES, Robert. 333 A. £7,549.
 81. WOOD, William. 130 A. (Other: 100 A in Craven Co.) £10,134.
 82. NASH, Abner. 7,500 A. (Other: 120 A in Halifax Co.; 412 A in Craven Co.; 1 lot.) £98,836.
 83. NEALE, Christopher, Exr. Estate of Thos. POLLOCK, Esq. 7,500 A. £105,620.
 84. HATCH, Leml., Sr. £2,775.
 85. WATSON, James. £9,530.
 86. SIMMONS, Daniel. £3,874.
- Persons who came under a Pole Tax
87. JOHNSTON, John.
 88. ANTOINE, Andrew.
 89. STEEL, Alexander.
 90. SANDERSON, Benjamin.
 91. SANDERSON, Joseph.
 92. CAHOON, Dudley.
 93. SANDERS, Levi.
 94. KINSEY, Joseph.
 95. LITTLETON, John.
 96. SHILLING, Frederick.
 97. HALL, James.
 98. RANSON, Isaac.
 99. SANDERSON, Isaac.
- Assessors: Leml. HATCH, James WATSON, Danl. SIMMONS.

District No. 2 (viz., John BRYAN's Esqr.
and Assessed by William HARRISON, John LAVENDER & Risdon McDANIEL)

1. BRYAN, John. 1,971 A. £6,179. Negroes: 4 (50-60), 6 (40-50), 17 (10-40), 4 (5-10), 5 (<5). 55 Cattle. 13 Horses. £27,169.13.
2. DoforJohnBLACKMAN. 540 A. (Other: 200 A in Craven Co.) £2,009. Negroes: 3(10-40). £4,259.
3. GILBERT, Benj. 100 A. £200. 10 Cattle. 1 Horse. £410.7.
4. BLACKSHEAR, Alexr. 517 A. £1,540. Negroes: 2 (10-40), 1 (5-10), 2 (<5). 15 Cattle. 3 Horses. £4,662.19.
5. CARTY, John. (Other: 100 A in Duplin Co.) £300. Negroes: 1 (10-40). 6 Cattle. 4 Horses. £1,398.
6. BROWN, Edward. 350 A. £602.10. 25 Cattle. 4 Horses. £1,654.10.
7. MILLER, Tobias. 350 A. £847.10. 15 Cattle. 6 Horses. £2,050.6.
8. STEAVINSON, Matt. 200 A. £840. 15 Cattle. 3 Horses. £1,468.16.
9. HARRISON, Jno. T. 200 A. (Other: 200 A in Cumberland Co.) £400. 3 Cattle. £437.4.
10. BLACKSHEAR, Abm. Negroes: 1 (10-40), 1 (5-10). 4 Cattle. 1 Horse. £1,205.
11. MURRY, Tobias. Negroes: 1 (50-60). 8 Cattle. 1 Horse. £572.13.
12. HOPKINS, Jas. 100 A. £100. 1 Horse. £150.
13. MAULDIN, Turner. 115 A. £400. 9 Cattle. 4 Horses. £1,092.
14. BRANSON, Vinson. 200 A. £605. 2 Horses. £739.
15. WILLIAMSON, John. 200 A. £505. Negroes: 1 (10-40). 2 Cattle. 1 Horse. £1,495.
16. PIKREN, Gabriel. 185 A. £500. 10 Cattle. 4 Horses. £923.1.2.
17. HARGET, Frederick. 530 A. £965. Negroes: 1 (40-50), 3 (10-40), 2 (<5). 19 Cattle. 6 Horses. £4,882.8.11.
18. PYBUS, Henry. 240 A. £475. 6 Cattle. 2 Horses. £714.8.
19. RICHARDS, John. 300 A. £500. 5 Cattle. 1 Horse. £759.
20. MAULDIN, Henry. 100 A. £200. 6 Cattle. £260.
21. GILBERT, Joseph. Negroes: 1 (10-40), 4 (<5). 27 Cattle. 3 Horses. £2,155.
22. ALLIGOOD, Hillery "married man". Negroes: 2 (10-40), 1 (<5). £60.
23. Do for Dan'l. MILLER. 150 A. £642.10. 9 Cattle. £732.10.
24. PICKRIN, John. Negroes: 1 (10-40), 1 (<5). 10 Horses. £1,940.
25. MALDIN, Humphrey. 110 A. £510.10. 4 Cattle. 2 Horses. £747.3.
26. BROWN, Dempsey. 3 Horses. £953.8.
27. SHINE, Daniel. 600 A. £2,360. Negroes: 2 (40-50), 2 (10-40), 1 (5-10), 2 (<5). 39 Cattle. 2 Horses. £8,130.
28. Do Admin. for Silas BRYAN. Negroes; 1 (10-40). 9 Cattle. 1 Horse. £1,871.2.6.
29. JERMAN, Wm. 166 A. (Other: 50 A in Dobbs Co.) £408. 5 Cattle. 5 Horses. £1,692.
30. GREEN, James. 990 A. £215. Negroes: 2 (50-60), 1 (5-10). 46 Cattle. 6 Horses. £3,807.6.
31. PICKRIN, Moses. 290 A. £309. 10 Cattle. 2 Horses. £603.16.
32. SMALL, Shadrack "Single man". 5 Cattle. £76.9.
33. PERRY, Daniel. 950 A. £1,172.10. 11 Cattle. 3 Horses. £2,712.1.
34. Do for Orphans of Amos SMALL. £66.19.4.
35. BROWN, William Jr. "Single man". 1 Cattle. 1 Horse. £210.
36. KILLEBREW, Hinchey. 19 Cattle. 3 Horses. £524.2.

37. GREGORY, Matthew. 192 A. £998. Negroes: 1 (10-40). 40 Cattle. 5 Horses. £2,728.5.
38. MORRIS, William. 775 A. £1,225. Negroes: 2 (40-50). 46 Cattle. 5 Horses. £3,992.8.6.
- » 39. HOBBS, James. 51 Cattle. 2 Horses. £710.
40. FILYAW, James. 222 A. (Other: 1,140 A in Washington Co.) £2,250. Negroes: 2(40-50). 32 Cattle. 6 Horses. £3,714.
41. WOMBLE, Nathan. 124 A. £150. 16 Cattle. 2 Horses. £574.
42. SANDERS, Charles. 337 A. £400. Negroes: 1 (40-50). 41 Cattle. 5 Horses. £1,843.
43. SMITH, Michael "married man". 1 Horse, £100.
44. HILL, Samuel. 1,702 A. (Other: 1 lot in Newbern.) £1,500. 3 Cattle. 1 Horse. £2,110.6.10.
45. JACKSON, John. 3 Cattle. 1 Horse. £310.5.
46. PERRY, John. 535 A. £632.10. 12 Cattle. 5 Horses. £1,590.14.8.
47. BUSICK, James. 480 A. £1,380. Negroes: 1 (10-40). 18 Cattle. 3 Horses. £3,246.12.6.
48. SMITH, Arthur. 100 A. £100. 2 Cattle. 2 Horses. £188.7.6.
49. BUSICK, Thomas "Single man". 1 Horse. £256.4.
50. PERRY, Robert. 435 A. £710. 8 Cattle. 2 Horses. £1,494.4.
51. DULIN, Thomas. 75 A. £300. 18 Cattle. 3 Horses. £360.
52. SAULS, John. 12 Cattle. 1 Horse. £270.
53. PICKRIN, Aaron. 2 Horses. £230.
54. TIPPIT, James. 80 A. £480. 7 Cattle. 1 Horse. £650.
55. LAVENDER, Lemuel. 60 A. £300. 2 Cattle. 1 Horse. £500.
56. ALCOCK, William. (Other: 100 A in Dobbs Co.) 3 Cattle. 3 Horses. £462.
57. MISUR, Noah. 80 A. £480. 15 Cattle. 3 Horses. £780.
58. BROCKSON, Atkins. 50 A "married man". £20. 5 Cattle. £70.
59. HARRISON, Daniel. 200 A. £420. Negroes: 2 (10-40), 1 (5-10). 10 Cattle. 4 Horses. £2,880.
60. SMITH, John. 50 A. £50. 6 Cattle. 1 Horse. £362.16.16.
61. TIPPIT, John. 100 A. £100. 9 Cattle. 2 Horses. £491.4.
62. McDANIEL, James. 350 A. (Other: 300 A in Onslow Co.) £605. 14 Cattle. 2 Horses. £947.
63. BUSICK, William. 330 A. £544. 13 Cattle. 4 Horses. £1,867.5.6.
64. THORNTON, Thomas. 633 A. £123. 7 Cattle. 3 Horses. £443.
65. TAYLOR, James. 100 A "single man". £50. £50.
66. HART, John. 50 A. (Other: 50 A in Onslow Co.) £150. 3 Cattle. £18.4.4.
67. DULIN, Rice. 325 A. £320. 20 Cattle. 4 Horses. £930.
68. MORRIS, John. 100 A "single man". £7. 2 Cattle. £41.
69. RANDEL, Nehemiah. 3 Cattle. 1 Horse. £96.
70. HARRISON, John. 300 A. £420. Negroes: 3 (10-40), 2 (< 5). 15 Cattle. 2 Horses. £3,226.
71. PRICE, John. Negroes: 1 (10-40). 18 Cattle. 1 Horse. £1,260.
72. GUNTER, Richard. 100 A. £200. Negroes: 2 (40-50), 1 (10-40). 8 Cattle. 1 Horse. £1,696.

73. GUNTER, John Sr. 100 A. £300. Negroes 1 (10-40), 2 (< 5). 8 Cattle. 2 Horses. £1,894.6.
74. SANDERS, John (Tuckaho). 17 Cattle. 5 Horses. £790.
75. McDANIEL, John. 170 A. £400. 15 Cattle. 3 Horses. £838.18.9.
76. BROWN, William Sr. Negroes: 2 (10-40). 30 Cattle. 5 Horses. £3,035.16.2.
77. JELKS, Richard. 150 A. £600. 4 Cattle. 1 Horse. £680.8.
78. KELLIUM, Nathl. 80 A. (Other: 100 A in Onslow Co.) £105. 2 Cattle. 1 Horse. £168.
79. TAYLOR, Edmund. 200 A. £500. 9 Cattle. 3 Horses. £896.12.
80. TURNER, Jacob. 400 A. £20. 18 Cattle. 3 Horses. £3,160.
81. GILBERT, John. 200 A. £100. 12 Cattle. 2 Horses. £405.
82. MILLER, Thomas. 90 A. £60. 3 Cattle. £182.
83. GOODIN, Bardin. 3 Cattle. 1 Horse. £230.1.1.
84. KINSEY, Asalom. 25 Cattle. 3 Horses. £1,160.
85. KELLIUM, Elijah. 1 Horse. £280.
86. MARSHBURN, James. 150 A. £525. 10 Cattle. 2 Horses. £941.
87. KING, Robert "married man". 1 Cattle. £10.
88. PICKRIN, Richard. 100 A. £250. 7 Cattle. 3 Horses. £640.
89. PATE, Richard "married". 30 A. £50. £53.
90. GEORGE, William. 100 A. (Other: 268 A in Dobbs and Carteret Cos.) £468. 1 Horse. £680.
91. WHALLEY, John "single man". 2 Horses. £30.
92. RANDAL, William. 320 A. (Other: 1,440 A in Washington Co.; 150 A in Dobbs Co.; 2 lots in Kingston.) £3,147.10. Negroes: 1 (40-50), 3 (10-40). 33 Cattle. 4 Horses. £7,581.10.
93. Do for his wife, Elanor. 250 A. £1,671. Negroes: 5 (10-40), 2 (5-10), 3 (< 5). 6 Cattle. 3 Horses. £7,095.6.
94. Do in home of John FRANCK Deed. 500 A. £3,000. £3,126.
95. Do as guardian of Edward FRANCK, minor. 1 Horse. £329.13.10.
96. SANDERS, Solomon. 200 A. £200. 1 Cattle. 1 Horse. £315.4.6.
97. KILLEBREW, John. 1 Cattle. 2 Horses. £110.
98. BRADSHAW, Saml. "Married man".
99. ADAMS, John. 100 A. 4 Cattle. £142.2.
100. Do for son, William. £34.
101. BARNS, Micajah "single man". 1 Horse. £101.9.
102. WOMBLE, Benjamin "single man". 3 Cattle. £30.
103. CONNER, Lewis. 100 A. (Other: 100 A in "not stated".) 12 Cattle. 3 Horses. £770.
104. MAULDIN, John "marr'd man". 5 Cattle. £54.12.
105. GUNTER, John Junr. 90 A. £360. Negroes: 2 (40-50), 3 (5-10). 12 Cattle. 1 Horse. £2,609.19.
106. TICE, Joseph. 99 A. (Other: 150 A & 'A lot in Martin Co.) 10 Cattle. 2 Horses. £799.
107. ROLANE, Daniel. Negroes: 5 (10-40). 3 Cattle. 1 Horse. £4,330.
108. TIPPIT, Mary Ann. 1 Horse. £300.
109. LAVENDER, John. £1,180.

110. HARRISON, William. £11,495.

111. McDANIEL, Risdon. £645.

Assessors: John LAVENDER, Wm. HARRISON, Risdon McDANIEL.

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District No. 3 (viz., George CLARK, Esqr.;

Assessors - Stephen TILGHMAN, John ANDREWS, and Martin FRANCK)

1. AVERY, Waightstill. Jones Co. - 150 A leased (£750); Burke Co. - 1,040 A (£5,200); [Burke Co.] - 13,960 A entries (£13,960); Mecklenburg Co., (Charlotte) - 18 A (£360); Rowan Co. (Salisbury) - IVz A (£50); Washington Co. - 640 A (£3,200); Right of Dower - 213+ A (£649); Like Interest - 130 A (£131+). Negroes: 7 (50-60 & under 5), 4 (40-50 & > 5 < 10), 6 (10-40). 38 Cattle. 7 Horses. £34,256.17.

2. KORNEGY, John. Jones Co. - 1,442 A (£2,342); Craven Co. - 100 A (£100). Negroes: 1 (< 5 & 50-60), 5 (10-40). 94 Cattle. 6 Horses. £8,201.3.

Do as Guardian for Danl. KORNEGY, minor. 350 A. £1,750. Negroes: 1 (< 5 & 50-60), 1 (10-40). 1 Cattle. 2 Horses. £2,625.17.

Do as Guardian for Elijah KORNEGY. 300 A. £1,300. Negroes: 1 (< 5 & 50-60). 1 Cattle. £2,411.17.

3. KORNEGY, David. Jones Co. - 610 A (£1,610); Craven Co. - 20 A (£60); Duplin Co. - 245 A (£245); Pitt Co. - 66 A (£66). Negroes: 1 (< 5 & 50-60), 4 (10-40). 51 Cattle. 4 Horses. £6,554.2.

4. MURPHEY, Thos. Senr. 1,285 A. £4,497+. Negroes: 3 (< 5 & 50-60), 2 (> 5 < 10 & 40-50), 7 (10-40). 46 Cattle. 8 Horses. £11,607.10.

5. Do as Guardian for John MURPHEY (minor). 613 A. £1,865. £1,865.

6. MURPHEY, Thos. Junr. 200 A. £200. Negroes: 1 (10-40). 9 Cattle. 7 Horses. £1,935.

7. MARRITT, Hezekiah. Jones Co. - 232 A (£828); Carteret Co. - 400 A (£400); Dobbs Co. - 200 A (£1,000). Negroes: 1 (< 5 & 50-60). 15 Cattle. 2 Horses. £3,140.

8. ORME, Wm. 730 A. £2,450. Negroes: 2 (< 5 & 50-60), 3 (> 5 < 10 & 40-50), 7 (10-40). 17 Cattle. 3 Horses. £11,730.

9. ORME, Deborah. 120 A. £600. 8 Cattle. £680.

10. ORME, Lettis. 150 A. £750. 9 Cattle. 1 Horse. £965.

11. SMITH, Henry. Jones Co. - 610 A (£1,220); Craven Co. - 1 lot (Newbern) (£100); [Carteret Co.] - 1 lot (Bogue) (£20). 8 Cattle. 2 Horses. £1,584.

12. FORSCUE, Simon. 200 A. £692. Negroes: 3 (< 5 & 50-60), 4 (> 5 < 10 & 40-50), 5 (10-40). 25 Cattle. 7 Horses. £8,192.

13. SHELFER, John. 75 A. £225. Negroes: 1 (> 5 < 10 & 40-50). 21 Cattle. 3 Horses. £1,280.

14. YATES, Daniel. 870 A. £1,670. Negroes: 1 (> 5 < 10 & 40-50). 6 Cattle. 3 Horses. £2,279.

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15. COLLINS, Joshua. Negroes: 1 (> 5 < 10 & 40-50). 9 Cattle. 3 Horses. £1,490.11.

16. STEAVENSON, Chs. 520 A. £2,160. Negroes: 1 (> 5 & 50-60), 4 (> 5 < 10 & 40-50), 3 (10-40). 51 Cattle. 6 Horses. £7,863.4.

17. FORSCUE, Simon for orphans of SKILLING. £119.

18. WOOD, Gersham. 174 A. £174. 7 Cattle. 4 Horses. £576.10.

19. STEPHENSON, Samuel. 70 A. £70. 3 Cattle. £107.11.

20. GRAY, Israel. 250 A. £250. 16 Cattle. 5 Horses. £518.
21. MALLARD, Danl. 330 A. £330. 19 Cattle. 4 Horses. £723.4.
22. CLIFTON, Ezek. 150 A. £225. Negroes: 1 (< 5 & 50-60), 1 (> 5 < 10 & 40-50), 1 (10-40). 6 Cattle. 2 Horses. £1,685.
23. TRACEY, John. 1 Cattle. 1 Horse. £30.
24. BLOUNT, Francis. 300 A. £600. Negroes: 1 (10-40). 24 Cattle. 2 Horses. £1,766.12.
25. NILOR, Wm.S. 200 A. £500. 8 Cattle. 2 Horses. £880.
26. HARRISON, Jas. 2 Cattle. £28.
27. MOORE, Mathew. 513 A. £625. Negroes: 2 (10-40). 9 Cattle. 6 Horses. £2,436.18.
28. COOKSON, Wm. 75 A. £75. 11 Cattle. 2 Horses. £333.
29. GRANADE, Wm. £36.8.
30. WILSON, James. 100 A. £150. 13 Cattle. 1 Horse. £416.
31. SHEPHERD, Wm. 100 A. £300. 15 Cattle. 3 Horses. £624.
32. LAMBERT, Aaron. 250 A. £250. 1 Horse. £345.1.
33. HUDLER, John. 100 A. £100. 3 Cattle. £142.16.
34. THOMPSON, Majr. 100 A. £300. 8 Cattle. 4 Horses. £605.5.
35. WORSLEY, John. 300 A. £900. Negroes: 1 (<5 & 50-60), 1 (> 5 < 10 & 40-50), 1(10-40). 3 Cattle. 2 Horses. £2,480.8.
36. GILGOW, Wm. 85 A. £106. 7 Cattle. 4 Horses. £344.
37. TAYLOR, Abm. 100 A. £100. 5 Cattle. 2 Horses. £325.
38. OWENS, Edmd. 6 Cattle. 1 Horse. £215.
39. OWENS, Martha. 6 Cattle. 2 Horses. £140.
40. CALLIHAN, Bryan. 320 A. £320. 5 Cattle. 2 Horses. £490.
41. MALLARD, John. 390 A. £870. 14 Cattle. 3 Horses. £1,209.3.
42. COLVET, John. 260 A. £780. 21 Cattle. 4 Horses. £1,452.12.
43. GRANADE, Jacob. 100 A. £500. 5 Cattle. £567.4.
44. WILKS, Mattw. 200 A. £200. Negroes: 2 (< 5 & 50-60), 2 (> 5 < 10 & 40-50), 1(10-40). 15 Cattle. 2 Horses. £2,260.
45. WILKS, Humph. 200 A. £200. 3 Cattle. 3 Horses. £410.
46. DAVIS, Thos. 2 Cattle. 1 Horse. £133.3.
47. OWENS, Owen. 4 Cattle. 1 Horse, £90.
48. NELSON, Sarah. 100 A. £100. 15 Cattle. £252.16.
49. SMITH, Wm. 1 Cattle. 1 Horse. £71.
50. HUGGINS, Luke. 206 A. £610. 17 Cattle. 3 Horses. £1,194.
51. SNEAD, Wm. 150 A. £450. 6 Cattle. £613.4.
52. MERCER, Robt. 164 A. £328. 16 Cattle. 2 Horses. £550.
53. STAFFORD, Elijah. 100 A. £100. 1 Horse. £120.
54. HARBERT, Wm. 190 A. £570. 13 Cattle. 3 Horses. £1,642.18.
55. LINCH, Jonas. £20.
56. CHANCE, Oldfield. 3 Cattle. 1 Horse. £160.
57. GRAY, Gilbert. 1 Horse. £25.
58. BURNET, Patience. 9 Cattle. 1 Horse. £340.
59. CLARK, Geo. Esq. Jones Co. - 769 A (£1,553); Carteret Co. - 200 A (£800). Negroes: 1 (> 5 < 10 & 40-50), 4 (10-40). 19 Cattle. 3 Horses. £6,439.

60. TILMAN, Stephen. 180 A. £440. Negroes: 1(10-40). 2 Horses. £1,446.8.
 61. ANDREWS, John. 394 A. £1,182. 26 Cattle. 5 Horses. £2,876.
 62. FRANCK, Martin. 300 A. £700. Negroes: 1 (< 5 & 50-60), 2 (> 5 < 10 & 40-50), 3(10-40). 2 Horses. £5,186.
 63. MACKEY, John. 1 Horse. £25.
 64. MACKEY, Isaac. 100 A. £[blurred]. 9 Cattle. 1 Horse. £690.
 65. WILCOX, Benjn. [no entries].
- Assessors: Stephen TILMAN, John ANDREWS, Martin FRANCK.

District No. 4 (viz., Lewis BRYAN's, Esqr.)

1. BUSH, John. 587 A. £970+. 8 Cattle. 2 Horses. £1,503.10.
2. GOODIN, Aaron. 10 A. £60. 20 Cattle. 2 Horses. £287.14.
3. BRYAN, Lewis Esq. 640 A. (Other: Craven Co. - 1 lot (Newbem)). £1,810. Negroes: 9 (10-40), 6 (< 5 > 50). 30 Cattle. 6 Horses. £12,226.
4. LAVENDER, Wm. 230 A. £920. Negroes: 1 (10-40). 12 Cattle. 3 Horses. £2,460.5.
5. BROCK, Joseph. 320 A. £930. Negroes: 4 (10-40), 1 (> 40 < 10), 1 (< 5 > 50). 27 Cattle. 6 Horses. £6,477.12.
6. FORDHAM, Benjn. 300 A. £974. Negroes: 1 (10-40). 20 Cattle. 3 Horses. £2,632.
7. KOONCE, Jacob. 200 A. (Other: [Craven Co.] - 1 lot (Newbem)). £1,400. Negroes: 1 (10-40). 40 Cattle. 3 Horses. £3,685.
8. ASKEW, Thomas. 100 A. £325. 12 Cattle. 3 Horses. £1,015.
9. KOONCE, Geo. Senr. 220 A. £1,180. 17 Cattle. 3 Horses. £2,008.
10. STANDLAND, Gersham. 100 A. £300. 11 Cattle. 2 Horses. £476.
11. METTS, Geo. Senr. 8 Cattle. 1 Horse. £148.
12. GILBERT, Wm. 100 A. £300. Negroes: 1 (10-40). 27 Cattle. 3 Horses. £1,891.4.
13. McQUILLEN, Philip. 100 A. £200. 9 Cattle. 1 Horse. £480.15.5.
14. McQUILLEN, Alexr. 23 Cattle. 2 Horses. £430.12.
15. HOPKINS, Andrew. 4 Horses. £450.
16. KOONCE, John. 300 A. £2,001. Negroes: 2 (10-40), 2 (< 5 > 50). 35 Cattle. 5 Horses. £5,272.4.
17. METTS, Frederick. 10 Cattle. 2 Horses. £199.
18. KORNEGY, Abrm. 222 A. (Other: Duplin Co. - 245 A; Pitt Co. - 66 A.) £1,299.15. Negroes: 5 (10-40), 2 (> 40 < 10), 1 (< 5 > 50). 51 Cattle. 5 Horses. £6,766.0.4.
19. KOONCE, Christian. 50 A. £200. 13 Cattle. 3 Horses. £938.
20. ISLER, William. 345 A. £2,617.10. Negroes: 8 (10-40), 4 (> 40 < 10), 7 (< 5 > 50). 33 Cattle. 6 Horses. £12,120.2.
21. MEW, Philip. 195 A. £390. 2 Horses. £490.
22. KOONCE, George Jr. Negroes: 1 (10-40), 1 (> 40 < 10). 16 Cattle. 4 Horses. £1,922.
23. ~~W~~J[lom], Richard. 200 A. £100. Negroes: 1 (> 40 < 10). 8 Cattle. 4 Horses. £1,980.

- 24 [*torn*], *Da[torn]*. 6 Cattle. 2 Horses. £978.
- 25 [to/-/?], John M. 100 A. £300. 10 Cattle. [?] Horses. £701.
- 26 [*torn*]. 200 A. £500. 5 I Cattle. 3 Horses. £1,680.13.
- 27 CHANCE, Henry. 100 A. £300. 6 Cattle. 2 Horses. £360.
- 28 PATE, Philip. 200 A. £840. Negroes: 2 (10-40). 1 Horse. £2,308.
- 29 WEST, Wm. 6 Cattle. 3 Horses. £270.
- 30 [*not used*].
- 31 COX, Marmaduke. 350 A. £1,050. 8 Cattle. £1,140.
- 32 MEW, Wm. 6 Cattle. 1 Horse. £140.
- 33 SWILLEY, Zenas. 200 A. £300. 18 Cattle. 2 Horses. £1,505.
- 34 KNOX, William. 2 Cattle. 1 Horse. £180.
- 35 BEATON, Frusam. 1,065 A. £5,949.10. 44 Cattle. 6 Horses. £14,480.9.7.
- 36 LITTLE, Abrm. 1 Horse. £200.4.
- 37 REYNOLDS, Sharp. Negroes: 4 (10-40). 8 Cattle. 3 Horses. £3,581.18.
- 38 STANDLY, James. 430 A. (Other: Onslow Co. - 540 A.) £3,820. 31 Cattle. 6 Horses. £5,607.8.
- 39 ROGERS, Wm. 500 A. £950. Negroes: 1(10-40). 45 Cattle. 2 Horses. £2,220.
- 40 GREEN, Wm. 100 A. (Other: Craven Co. - 150 A.) £520. 4 Cattle. £560.
- 41 ISLER, Fredk. 413 A. £2,166. Negroes: 14 (10-40), 7 (> 40 < 10), 5 (< 5 > 50). 78 Cattle. 11 Horses. £18,958.16.
- 42 BUTON, George. 622 A. £1,224. Negroes: 3 (10-40), 1 (> 40 < 10). 62 Cattle. 4 Horses. £4,594.
- 43 SPIGHT, Simon. 1,162 A. £3,684. Negroes: 5 (10-40), 2 (> 40 < 10), 4 (< 5 > 50). 60 Cattle. 9 Horses. £11,194.8.
- 44 ISLER, John. 1,473 A. £4,459+. Negroes: 10 (10-40), 3 (> 40 < 10), 3 (< 5 > 50). 55 Cattle. 6 Horses. £14,576.14.
- 45 CONNERLEY, Wm. 578 A. £1,445. 26 Cattle. 3 Horses. £2,323.
- 46 YATES, Daniel. 361 A. £1,328. Negroes: 15 (10-40), 5 (> 40 < 10), 7 (< 5 > 50). 35 Cattle. 8 Horses. £18,244.19.3.
- 47 BRYAN, Nathan. 2,117 A. £4,525+. Negroes: 7 (10-40), 5 (> 40 < 10), 4 (< 5 > 50). 27 Cattle. 6 Horses. £14,035.10.
- 48 PRITCHARD, Jeremiah. 1,124 A. £2,970. Negroes: 8 (10-40), 2 (< 5 > 50). 30 Cattle. 4 Horses. £10,194.13.
- 49 BALL, Moses. 123 A. £492. 14 Cattle. 2 Horses. £966.6.
- 50 HARPER, John. 330 A. £1,650. 9 Cattle. 4 Horses. £2,785.13.4.
- 51 IPOCK, Jacob. 122½ A. £510. 7 Cattle. 1 Horse. £784.
- 52 HARPER, Wm. Carteret Co. - 400 A. £600. 5 Cattle. 3 Horses. £916.
- 53 JONES, James. 33 A. £249. 23 Cattle. 3 Horses. £1,668.12.6.
- 54 BLACKSHEAR, Els. Stout. 790 A. £3,340. Negroes: 2 (10-40), 1 (< 5 > 50). 37 Cattle. 6 Horses. £7,624.9.8.
- 55 DEEN, Thomas. 250 A. £500. 14 Cattle. 3 Horses. £876.15.
- 56 CONNER, Mark. 200 A. £100. 25 Cattle. 4 Horses. £1,219.4.
- 57 IPOCK, Jacob Sr. 1,227 A. £735. 8 Cattle. 3 Horses. £881.
- 58 KING, Charles. 16 Cattle. 1 Horse. £180.
- 59 BRASHER, Hugh. 1 Cattle. 2 Horses. £120.6.
- 60 KING, Samuel. 300 A. £900. 43 Cattle. 3 Horses. £1,541.10,

61. DEEN, Wm. 140 A. £280. 14 Cattle. 2 Horses. £730.
 62. DAVIS, Benjn. 305 A. £707+. 22 Cattle. 5 Horses. £1,928.10.
 63. EVERIT, Hannah. 320 A. £655. Negroes: 4 (10-40), 1 (< 5 > 50). 30 Cattle. 3 Horses. £4,710.8.6.
 64. LEE, Jacob. 150 A. £400. 34 Cattle. 2 Horses. £987.
 65. BROWN, Howell. 70 A. £140. 8 Cattle. 3 Horses. £635.
 66. Do Exor. for Jno. BROWN Deed. £263.12.
 67. KINCEY, Joseph. 270 A. £755. 25 Cattle. 3 Horses. £1,676.5.6.
 68. Do Exor. for Chris. KINCEY Deed. 6 Cattle. £136.14.11.
 69. KOONCE, Michl. 1.520 A. £4,840. Negroes: 6 (10-40), 2 (> 40 < 10), 4 (< 5 > 50). 64 Cattle. 15 Horses. £16,104.
 70. Do Guardian to Geo. SIMMONS, minor. 200 A. (Other: Craven Co. - 100 A.) £800. £1,167.17.5.
 71. Do Guardian to Danl. SIMMONS, minor. £437.3.9.
 72. KENT, Thomas. 333 A. £1,074. Negroes: 1 (> 40 < 10). 14 Cattle. 4 Horses. £2,414.
 73. GORDON, Moses. Negroes: 1 (10-40). 3 Horses. £1,400.
 74. COX, Elisha. 32 Cattle. 3 Horses. £733.12.
 75. ATKINSON, Elisha. 2 Cattle. 3 Horses. £432.17.
 76. PROWS, John. 2 Cattle. £104.5.
 77. DAVIS, Wm. 7 Cattle. 3 Horses. £320.
 78. SMITH, James Jr. 1 Horse. £204.16.
 79. SMITH, Geo. Jr. 250 A. £375. 1 Horse. £540.
 80. McQUILLEN, Walter. 243 A. £364+. 1 Horse. £514.11.
 81. BLACKSHEAR, Jas. 510 A. £2,725. Negroes: 12 (10-40), 5 (> 40 < 10), 7 (< 5 > 50). 37 Cattle. 8 Horses. £17,279.17.6.
 82. Do Exr. for Abrm. BAILY Deed. (Other: Onslow Co. - 100 A.) £150. £150.
 83. BAILY, Eleanor. 100 A. £150. 7 Cattle. 2 Horses. £870.
 84. HARGET, Peter. *£[torn]*.
 85. BECTON, Michael. *£[torn]*.
 86. FRANCK, Wickliffe. £8,955.
- Persons Neglecting or Refusing to Give in a List of their Taxable Property
87. FERN, Thos. Ca. 412 A. £746. 25 Cattle. 3 Horses. £1,296.
 88. *[not used]*.
 89. KNOX, Margret. 100 A. £150. £150.
 90. CHANCE, Eliza. 6 Cattle. 2 Horses. £180.
 91. JONES, Mary. 100 A. £150. 4 Cattle. 1 Horse. £340.
 92. EDWARDS, Simon. 224 A. £1,861. Negroes: 6 (10-40), 1 (> 40 < 10), 1 (> 5 > 50). 30 Cattle. 1 Horse. £7,711.
- Do to 4 tracts of land.

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Persons Who Come under a Pole Tax

Married Men	CANNADY, Jos.
	GILSTRAP, David
	COX, John Hawkins

STANDLAND, Benjn.
JONES, Henry

Single Men STORY, James
 [JOES?], Jobe
 STANDLAND, Martin

Pr Wickliffe FRANCK, Peter HARGET, Michael BECTON

A True Copy Examined from the Original Returns Made by the Different Sets of
Assessors to the County Court of Jones /s/ J. BUSH, C.J.C.

COUNTY OFFICIALS IN ANTEBELLUM NORTH CAROLINA

Part 3 Register of Deeds and Coroner

The information below is taken from Benjamin Swaim, *The North-Carolina Justice: Containing a Summary Statement of the Statutes and Common Law of This State, Together with the Decisions of the Supreme Court, and All the Most Approved Forms and Precedents, Relating to the Office and Duty of a Justice of the Peace, and Other Public Officers, According to Modern Practice: The Whole Intended As a Complete Practical Application of the New Revised Statutes of North-Carolina* (Raleigh, NC: Printed by J. Gales and Son, Office of the Raleigh Register, 1839); specific chapter and page references are cited in footnotes.

REGISTERS.'

1. The County Court, a majority present, appoints a Register for the term of four years, who must take the oaths prescribed for public officers, and an oath of office.
2. Vacancies in the office are filled in the same manner.
3. When a vacancy happens in the vacation, three Justices may meet at the Clerk's office and fill it, till the next regular time of appointing a Register. And the person appointed is to take the oaths, and give bond as other Registers.
4. Every Register is to give bond in ten thousand dollars, to be renewed every year.
5. The Clerk of the Court is to deliver to the Register, all deeds and instruments of writing admitted to probate, any time after ten days from the rise of Court, on application of the Register; and pay over also the Register's fees, which it is the duty of the Clerk to receive for him, under a penalty of one hundred dollars to the Register.
6. The Register is bound to apply at the Clerk's office for the deeds, &c. within twenty days from the rise of Court. And if he fail to do this, or the Clerk fail to deliver them, such failure incurs a forfeiture of ten dollars; and the delinquent is further liable to an action for damages to the party injured.
7. Any Register, for refusing or neglecting to register any instrument delivered to him for registration, forfeits forty dollars for every two months delay.
8. It is the duty of the Register to leave grants, &c. that have been registered, at the next County Court for the owners, if his fees have been paid.
9. If the Register be twice convicted of any misdemeanor in office, by the verdict of a jury, he shall be removed from office.
10. The County Court may at any time when necessary, employ suitable persons to transcribe and index anew, the old decayed books in the Register's office.
11. Registers are exempt from serving on juries.

'Chapter XCVIII, pages 385-387.

FORMS.

REGISTER'S BOND.

(To be made payable to the State of North Carolina, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, with good security.)

The condition of this obligation is such, that whereas, ——— has been duly appointed Register in and for the County of ———, for the term of four years, from and after the ——— day of ———: Now therefore, if the said ——— shall keep safely the books and records belonging to his office, and at all times truly and faithfully discharge all the duties of his said office, during his continuance therein; then this obligation is to be void otherwise, to remain in full force and effect.

WARRANT AGAINST A REGISTER FOR NOT *Calling at the Clerk's office for Deeds, &c. in due time.*

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA,)
 ——— County.)

To any lawful Officer, &c:

Whereas, ——— complains to me, ———, one of the Justices of said County, that ———, the Register of said County, refused or neglected for more than twenty days after the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County, ——— Term, 18-, to call at the Clerk's office for the deeds, grants and other instruments of writing addressed to probate and ordered to be registered, whereby he has forfeited the sum of ten dollars, one-half to the poor of said County, and the other half to any person suing for the same, according to our Act of Assembly, entitled "an Act concerning Registers:"

You are therefore commanded to take the body of the said ———, and him have before some Justice of said county, to answer the said complaint, and render the said sum of ten dollars due by forfeiture as aforesaid, to be applied as aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal, &c.

CORONERS.²

1. The County Court may appoint any number of Coroners.
2. In appointing a Coroner, a majority of the Justices must be present.
3. A Coroner must give bond and security, and renew his bond annually at the first Court after the first of April.
4. When it shall be necessary to hold an inquest over a deceased person, and there shall be no Coroner in the county, three Justices may appoint one to hold the office till the next County Court.
5. A Coroner must take the oaths prescribed for public officers, and an oath of

office.

6. "It shall be the duty of the several Coroners within this State, whenever they have knowledge of themselves or are informed by others that any person is slain or suddenly dead, either by drowning or otherwise, to go to the place where such person is so slain or suddenly dead, and forthwith summon a jury of good and lawful men, whereupon the said Coroner, upon oath of said jury at the place where the person is so slain or suddenly dead as aforesaid, shall make inquiry, when, how, and by what means such deceased person came to his death, and his name, if it was known, together with all the material circumstances attending his death; and if it shall appear that the deceased was slain, then who was guilty either as principal or accessory, if known, or in any manner the cause of his death. In like manner it is to be inquired concerning them that be suddenly dead, after such bodies are seen, in what manner, at what time, and by what cause such death was occasioned; and as many persons as are found culpable, by inquisition in any of the manners aforesaid, shall be taken and delivered to the Sheriff and committed to jail; and such persons as are found to know any thing of the matters aforesaid, and are not culpable themselves, shall be bound in a recognizance with sufficient security, to appear at the next Superior Court of Law to give evidence; of all which matters and things, the Coroner aforesaid must note up a record of his inquisition, signed by the jurors, and return the same to the next Superior Court of Law of his proper county. If upon any inquest, the jury doubt as to the manner in which death has ensued, and *a. post mortem* examination of the body be desired by any one of them, the Coroner is empowered to summon a physician for the purpose, who shall be paid by the county for this service."

7. When there is no Sheriff, or the Sheriff is interested in the process, the Coroner shall act as Sheriff.

FORMS.

CORONER'S BOND.

(To be in the sum of \$2,000, payable to the State of North Carolina.)

The condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas, the above bounden ——— has been duly appointed Coroner in and for the county of ——— from and after the — day of ———: Now, therefore, if the said ———. shall, from time to time and at all times, well and truly execute the said office of Coroner, and duly perform all and singular the duties of his said office during his continuance therein, according to law; then the above obligation to be void; otherwise, to remain in full force and effect.

RECORD OF THE CORONER,

To be returned to the next Superior Court.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA,)

——— County.)

Be it remembered, that on the — day of ——— A. D. 18, 1, ———, one of the Coroners of said county, attended by a jury of good and lawful men, viz: (here insert the names of the jurors,) by me summoned for that purpose, according to law, after being by me duly sworn and empannelled, at ——— in the county aforesaid, did hold an

inquest over the dead body of -----; and after inquiring into the facts and circumstances of the death of the deceased, from a view of the corpse, and all the testimony to be procured, the jury find as follows: that is to say, that (here set forth all the material facts and circumstances as the jury Find them; and let each juror sign, with his seal, in a column under the verdict and on the right hand side of the page; and the Coroner on the left hand, alone, as attesting the whole in his official capacity.)

RECOGNIZANCE OF WITNESSES.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,)

----- *County.*)

-----•----- and ----- and -----•----- acknowledge themselves indebted to the State of North Carolina, in the sum of five hundred dollars each, to be levied of their goods and chattels, lands and tenements; to be void, nevertheless, if----- and ----- and ----- shall make their personal appearance at our next Superior Court of Law to be held for the county of----- at the Court House in -----, on the ----- Monday of ----- next, then and there to give evidence in behalf of the State, touching and concerning the death of-----; and not depart the same without leave.

Taken and acknowledged before me, this ----- day of----- A. D. 18 .

AB, Coroner.

NOTE.-The Coroner may recognize a witness either with or without security, at his discretion.

INQUEST OVER THE BODY OF JONATHAN M. STEERE 1838

by Raymond A. Winslow, Jr.

To illustrate the procedures outlined in the preceding article, the text of a typical coroner's inquest is given below. The manuscript is preserved in Perquimans County Coroner's Reports, No Date, 1794-1892 (Broken Series), stack file number C.R.077.928.9, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

State of North Carolina Perquimans County

An Inquisition Indented, taken at Eliab GRIFFINs Landing near Newbys Bridge on Perqs. River, in the Said County of Perqs. on the 4th day of January in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Eight - before William C. SCOTT one of Coroners of and in Said County, upon the View of the Body of Jonathan M STEERE, then and there Lying dead, upon the Oaths of Nathan WINSLOW, Jonathan WHITE, Erie PERRY, Thomas GRIFFIN, Joseph WHITE, Thomas BOYCE, Saml. H KERBY, Willis LAMB, Blake HARRELL, Jacob W. WINSLOW, Ciprean LANE, and Joshua WHITE - good and Lawful men, of the County aforesaid, who being Sworn and Charged on the part of the State, aforesaid, when, where, how, and after what manner the Said Jonathan M STEERE Came to his Death, do Say upon their Oaths, that the Said Jonathan M STEERE, at the Landing aforesaid, in the County aforesaid, then and there being alone, in a Common River there, Called Perqs. River, himself voluntarily and felonously drowned; and So the Jurors aforesaid, upon their Oaths aforesaid. Say, that the aforesaid Jonathan M STEERE in manner and form aforesaid, then and there himself voluntirly and Feloniously as a felon, himself killed and Murderd against the peace and dignity of the State, given under Our hands and Seals the day and date above written -

Test

Wm. C. SCOTT Cor.

Nathan WINSLOW	Seal
Jonathan WHITE	Seal
Erie PERRY	Seal
Thorn GRIFFIN	Seal
Joseph WHITE	Seal

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Thomas BOYCE	Seal
Saml. H. KIRBY	Seal
Willis LAMB	Seal
Blake his x mark HARRELL	Seal
Jacob W WINSLOW	Seal
Cyprian LANE	Seal
Joshua his x mark WHITE	Seal

[endorsement:]

A Report
of a Jury of Inquest

Taken 4th Jan⁵ 1838

holding Inquest \$2.40

Summong Jury 4.80

\$7.20

the above amt was allowd

in open Court

Josiah PERRY for the Court

Issued -

Addendum: Jonathan Mowry STEERE, son of Shadrach and Mary STEERE, was born 18 February 1815 in Burrillville, Rhode Island. In the fall of 1837 he was hired (at \$375.00 per year) as teacher at Belvidere Academy (more formally called the Select Boarding School of the Eastern Quarterly Meeting of North Carolina) in Perquimans County. He opened school in the Quaker community on 5 December, but before a month was out he was dead. So short was his stay in the South, his certificate of removal from Smithfield Monthly Meeting in Rhode Island did not come to hand at Piney Woods Monthly Meeting in North Carolina until almost two months after the tragic death which necessitated the coroner's inquest.

James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island, 1636-1850*, Volume III (Providence, RI: Narragansett Historical Publishing Company, 1892), Part II (Burrillville), page 22, and Volume VII (Providence, RI: Narragansett Historical Publishing Company, 1895), page 198; Zora Klain, *Quaker Contributions to Education in North Carolina* (Philadelphia: 1924), page 122; Mary Raper Butt, "The Belvidere Academy," *The Southern Friend: Journal of the North Carolina Friends Historical Society*, II, 1 (Spring 1980):32, 34; William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy* (Ann Arbor, MI: Edwards Brothers, Inc., 6 vols., 1936-1950), 1:75.

GRANTOR/GRANTEE INDEX OF JOHNSTON, DOBBS, AND LENOIR COUNTIES

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Part 11
(continued from *NCGSJ*, May 1997, p. 192)

The records of early Johnston (and other counties formed from it), Wayne, Greene, and Lenoir counties were placed at the Lenoir County Courthouse. In 1878 a courthouse fire destroyed almost all these records except the original Grantee Index to deeds. According to Charles Holloman, a Grantor Index was prepared from the Grantee Index and both those books were saved during another fire in 1880. Charles Holloman was instrumental in locating the Grantee Book at the Courthouse in Kinston many years ago. It was not until the early 1980s that the Grantor Index was found. While there is nothing to indicate the nature of the instruments or the relationships between grantor and grantee, these books provide us with a list of names in otherwise "burned" or "partially burned" counties. This transcription was taken from the Grantor Index, but double checked against the Grantee Index for differences in spelling and entries that appear in one but not the other. (An asterisk following the page number denotes an entry which appears in the Grantor Index, but not in the Grantee; two asterisks denote an entry appearing in the Grantee Index, but not the Grantor; and parentheses enclose differences of name or spelling that appear in the Grantee Index.) Approximate dates of each deed book are listed at the front of the microfilm roll from which this is taken. This sentence is at the front of the roll: "Following Records have many carbon copies and light pencil or ink and will not be legible on film" so the reader should consult the original.

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<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Page#</i>
ALDRIDGE, Sarah	William CROOM	100
ARRENDAL, William (ARENDALE)	John CREECH	195
BUSH, Bibby	James HERRING	45
BEST, Benjamin	Pearce MAZINGO (MOZINGO)	58
BOYT, Abraham	Daniel BOYT	79
BAKER, John	Isaiah JOHNSTON (Isaiah)	82
BAKER, Abraham	Elijah BAKER	91
BUSH, Bibby	Charles CECIL	102
BYRD, Lemuel (Lamuel)	Spencer CALDWELL	125

BOND, Thomas
 Same
 BYRD, Benjamin
 BURNS, Benjamin
 (BARNES)
 BYRD, Joshua
 Same
 Same
 Same
 BUSH, Bibby
 BOND, Thomas
 COLLIER, Thomas
 CROOM, William
 Same
 CASWELL, Dellam
 (CASWELL, Shine)
 CREEL, Nathan
 COLLIER, P. & W. TULL
 (COLEMAN)
 CROOM, William
 Same
 CARTER, Henry
 CREECH, Benjamin
 CASWELL, W. & D.
 CARTER, John
 CROOM, William

 CALDWELL, Spencer
 CREECH, Benjamin
 CROOM, William
 CALDWELL, Spencer
 CALDWELL, Samuel
 CROOM, William
 CREEL, John
 COLLIER, Mary
 CROOM, William
 COURT, John
 (COART)
 CASWELL, Dellam
 Same
 CROOM, Williams
 CALDWELL, Spencer
 CARTER, Reuben
 EXUM, Benjamin
 EASTERLING, Wm. & Mary
 EASTERLING, William

LANGSTONE & MOORE
 John WILSON
 John BYRD
 Ambrose JONES

 Elijah BYRD
 Elisha BYRD
 Thomas BYRD
 William BYRD
 Major CROOM
 Catherine JACKSON
 Joseph WILLIAMS
 Major HARDEE
 Bryan WHITFIELD
 Ambrose JONES

 John WOOTEN
 Wm. ARRENDAL
 (ARENDAL)
 Hardee CROOM
 John GRAY
 Bibby BUSH
 Ezekiel CREECH
 Roderick POWELL
 Bibby BUSH
 Major CROOM

 Benjamin LEWIS
 Ezekiel CREECH
 Bryan WHITFIELD
 Samuel CALDWELL
 John ROUSE
 Elias HAWES
 Charles CREEL
 Thomas COLLIER
 John MOORE
 Jeremiah LOFTON
 (LOFTIN)
 Ambrose JONES
 Gersham WIGGINS
 James BRIGHT
 Lemuel BYRD
 Henry ROUSE
 Parrott MEWBORN
 John JACKSON
 James INGRIM

EDGELEY, John
 FAULKNER, John
 FISHER, George
 GATLIN, John
 GOODMAN, William
 GRADDY, William Jr.
 GRADY, William
 GOODMAN, William
 GOODMAN, James
 GREEN, Joseph
 GARDNER, Wiley
 HUNTER, Job
 HARTSFIELD, John
 HAMILTON, John
 HATCH, Joseph
 HAMILTON, John
 HARTSFIELD, John
 HOWARD, John
 HARTSFIELD, John
 HIPOCK, Lucrecy
 HEATH, Henry
 HARRELL, John
 HAIL, John
 (HAILE)
 HAMILTON, Eliza
 HARRISSON, Benjn.
 (HARRISON, Benjamin)
 HINES, Isaac
 HUFFHAM, John

HAIL, John
 (HALE)
 HAIL, Thomas
 HARVEY, Thomas
 JONES, William
 JOHNSTON, Amos

Same
 JONES, Ambrose
 KILLPATRICK, Fras.
 KING, Nancy
 KING, Joseph
 KITTREL, David & 0

KENT, Samuel
 KENNEDY, Rhoda

James WINE
 Daniel POWELL
 Ann FISHER
 Ambrose JONES
 John WASHINGTON
 William GRADY, Sr.
 Timothy GRADY
 Ambrose JONES
 Zachariah DAVIS
 William CROOM
 John ALDRIDGE
 Bryan WHITFIELD
 Benjm. HARTSFIELD
 Ambrose JONES
 Same
 Same
 Benjm. HARTSFIELD
 Samuel HOWARD
 Job WILLIAMS & wife
 A. & P. HIPOC
 Livereign MEEKS
 Jessee JONES
 Joseph HAIL
 (HAILE)
 John WILSON
 John BECTON

Frederick HINES
 WilliamMcCLARAN

John PARROTT

Malachi FIELDS
 William TULL
 Mary JONES
 Aaron RATCLIF
 (RATCLIFF)
 William ERWIN
 WIGGINS & HARDEE
 Lewis WHITFIELD
 John HOWELL
 Ezekiel CREECH
 Moses RATCLIF
 (RATCLIFF)

Daniel WORTHINGTON
 Nathan CREEL

KENNEDY, Jesse	Major HARDEE
LOVICK, John & Susan	Ambrose JONES
LAKE, Loven	Catherine JACKSON
(Leven)	
LEWIS, Benjamin & 0	William ARRENDALL
	(ARENDAL)
LOFTIN, Jeremiah	James COX
	(John)
LOFTON, Leonard	John LOFTIN
(LOFTIN)	
LOFTON, John	James LOFTIN
(LOFTIN)	
LANGSTONE, Simeon	Frederick BAKER
(LANGSTON)	
LOVICK, William	Gabriel PARKER
LEWIS, Benjamin	John INGRAM
LOFTON, Jeremiah	Mary COX
LANGSTONE & MOORE	William CROOM
(LANGSTON)	
LOFTON, Jeremiah	Ila LOFTON
(LOFTIN)	(LOFTIN)
LOVICK & CASWELL	Ambrose JONES
LOVICK, William	Mary H. MARKLAND
MARTIN, William	William ARRENDALL
MOZINGO, William	Joshua TAYLOR
MARTIN, Higethy	James MARTIN
(Higglety)	
MOSELY, Eliza	Wm. MOSELY & Others
MILLER, Phillip	Frederick BROWN
MOORE, John	Richard DAUGHERTY
Same	Robert MOORE
MOSELY, Elizabeth	Tully MOSELY
(Eliza)	
MOORE, John	Simeon LANGSTONE
	(LANGSTON)
MOSELY, Tully	John PARROTT
MOZINGO, Eliza	Thomas HARPER
McILWAIN, Francis	William CROOM
Same	Same
McCLARAN, William	Miles HUTCHINGS
McCOY, James	Ally McCOY
	(Alew ?)
NEELY, James	Benjamin PARROTT
OXLEY, John	Jonas OXLEY
PRIEST, David	James SKIPPER
PARROTT, Elizabeth	Simon PARROTT

PATE, John
PATE, William & 0
PHILLIPS, Peter
Same
PHILLIPS, Thomas
POPE, Sarah

PATE, Nathan
RAY, John & Others
RICHARDSON, Rich'd.
SINGLETON, Spyers
SURLS, Ann
STEPHENS, B. & S.
SANDERSON, Ephram
SUTTON, William
SPEIGHT&SIMMONS
SUTTON, Benjamin

SHINE, Francis
Same
TETTERTON, Thomas
Trustees of Kinston
Same
TAYLOR, Burwell
(BURRELL)

Same
TURNAGE, William
UZZELL, Isam
(Isham)

WINE, Claret
WILSON, Henry
WHITFIELD, Lewis
WORTHINGTON, Elijah
(Elizabeth)

WALTERS, Jessee
WOOTEN, John
WILSON, Joseph
WILLIAMS, Edward
WHITFIELD, William
WILLIAMS, William
WHITFIELD, Bryan
WOOTERS, Susanna
WINE, Claret
WORTHINGTON, Nathan
WHITFIELD, Bryan
WILLIAMS, Wm. & Mary

Anthony PATE
Walter DUNN
Elijah JOHNSTON
James PHILLIPS
William CROOM
Eliza & Jema. POPE
(Elizabeth & Jemima)

Frederick BAKER
Simon PARROTT
John HUFHAM
Danl. WORTHINGTON
Robert SURLS
William CROOM
Frederick GRADY
Benjamin LEWIS
William ISLER
John GRAY
(GRADY)

Ambrose JONES
Same
Bibby BUSH
John COART
Same
Thomas JONES

Isaac TAYLOR
William TULL
Joshua TAYLOR

Francis WINE
John WILSON
Francis KILLPATRICK
Nicholas DARNEL & 0

Benjamin SUTTON
Nathan CREEL
Elizabeth MOZINGO
John PARKER
Mark WILLIAMS
Evan WILLIAMS
Frederick JONES
Markland WOOTERS
William SUTTON
Stephen WORTHINGTON
William BUSH
Richard NOBLES

Book 21 - Lenoir County - 1804, 1805

ARRENDAL, William	Walter KENNEDY
ADAIR, James	Sarah McTYRE
Same	Same
BALL, Moses	Phillip MILLER
BOYT, Daniel	Samuel HOWARD
BYRD, Edward	John CREECH
BUSICH, William	John FORDHAM
BYRD, Edwd. & R'd. (Edward & Richard)	Ezekiel CREECH
BUSH, R & W	Stewart PIPKIN
BYRD, Rd. & John (Richard)	Rachel BYRD
BYRD, Joshua	Sutton BYRD
Same	Joshua BYRD, Jr.
CLARK, William	Reuben PHILLIPS
CASWELL, Shine	Ambrose JONES
COPELAND, William	Lemuel BYRD
CROOM, Hardee	Susana CROOM
CASWELL, Dellam	John TULL
Same & others	John LOVICK
CROOM, William	Susanna CROOM
CROOM, William	John WASHINGTON
Same	William GRADY
CROOM, Major	Thomas UZZEL
CROOM, Williams (William)	Ambrose JONES
CROOM, Hardy	Jesse KENNEDY
CAWLEY, Roger (CAULY)	Richard CAWLEY (CAULY)
Same	Roger CAWLEY, Jr. (CAULY)
CARTER, John	Bryan WHITFIELD
CROOM, Williams	Miles HUTCHINGS
COLLIER, Robert	William CROOM
COBB, John	Joseph LOFTON (LOFTIN)
COX, William	John COBB
COTTON, John	Brittle FIELDS
DARNELL, Henry	George DARNELL
DORTCH, Walter	William DEAN
DAVIS, James	John McCLAIN
DARNELL, George	Daniel PATRICK
FIELDS, William	Richard CASWELL
GOODMAN, William	Benjamin COLEMAN

GATLIN, Slade
GATLIN, Thomas
HOOTEN, Caleb, Sr.
Same
HINES, Frederick
HARPER, Thomas
HARPER, Nathan
HARPER, Jesse
HINES, Frederick
HAWS, Elias
JONES, Frederick

Same
JOHNSTON, Amos
IVES, Job
JONES, Ambrose
JOHNSTON, Elijah
JOHNSTON, Elisha
KITTRELL, Absalom
Same
KENNEDY, Walter
KENNEDY, Jesse

Same
LANE, George
LOFTIN, Joseph
LEWIS, Benjamin
MAINER, Henry
MOSELEY, Tully
NOBLES, John
PARROTT, Ben & Simon
(Benjamin)
PATE, William
PATE, Benjamin
PARKS, Jno. & Gabe
(John & Gabriel)
PATE, Samuel
PATRICK, Daniel
SMITH, John
STANDLEY, James

SHIRLEY, John & W
SHEPPERD, Benjamin
SHIRLEY, John
SCRIVEN, Ellinor
STEVENS, John

John GATLIN
Frederick BAKER
His children
Caleb HOOTEN, Jr.
Daniel HINES
Joshua TAYLOR
Jesse HARPER
Nathan HARPER
Daniel HINES
Buckner WILSON
Thomas HAIL
(HAILE)

Isaac TAYLOR
John THOMPSON
Moses GOODING
Lewis WHITFIELD
William MOSELEY
Elijah JOHNSTON
Aaron RATCLIFF
John HOWARD
Moses WESTBROOK
Hardy CROOM
(Hardee)
William ARRENDALL
William CROOM
John COBB
Gersham WIGGINS
Job IVES
James VAUSE
Needham WHITFIELD
Jacob PARROTT

Walter DUNN
Same
Moses RATCLIF

Walter DUNN
Thomas SUMMERELL
Benjamin WORTHINGTON
William DEAN
(DUNN)
James WESTBROOK
Francis SHINE
James WESTBROOK
Parrott MEWBORN
Bryan WHITFIELD

(STEPHINS)
TETTERTON, Thomas
(TILLERTON)
THOMPSON, John
TUCKER, John
WILLIAMS, Joseph

WHITFIELD, Bryan
WILLIAMS, Joseph
WILSON, John

WHITE, Benajah
WHITFIELD, Rachel

WHITE, Rigdon
WILLIAMS, James
WHITE, Robert
WILLIAMS, William
WHITFIELD, Bryan

ZacharDAVIS

Benjamin THOMPSON
James WESTBROOK
Peregrine COX
(Perrigin)
Needham WHITFIELD
Peregrine COX
John PATRIDGE
(PARTRIDGE)
Rigdon WHITE
John TUTTLE
(John PATE)
Moses WESTBROOK
William NOBLES
Benjamin PHILLIPS
Stephen WILLIAMS
Hardee CROOM

DIVORCES AND SEPARATIONS FROM PETITIONS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM 1779

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Part 20 - Session of 1825-1826
(continued from *NCGSJ*, February 2000, p. 88)

The names of petitioners and other key persons are listed below in alphabetical order. The file location of the petition and associated papers is shown in parentheses. Approval rejection, or no action for each petition is noted in the associated papers for each petition and/or the citing of a specific *Reference* shown at the end of the numbered petitions in this part 20. The following abbreviations apply: GASR - General Assembly Session Records; HB - House Bill; HCR - House Committee Reports; JCR - Joint Committee Reports; SB - Senate Bill; SCR - Senate Committee Reports. All of the referenced files are original papers in the custody of the North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh, North Carolina.

858. ASSELMAN/ESSELMAN, **Archibald**. See BIGHAM, Robert Jr. and wife, Mary.

859. **BALDWIN, William and wife, Ameilia**. Petition of William BALDWIN states he was married to Ameilia CHISM in February 1811 and expected to receive all those blessings, comforts and enjoyments that attend a married life. Not long after the rites of matrimony were solemnized, my beloved Ameilia, being freed from all restraint, threw off the mask of deception and appeared in her true character-an unfeeling being who attempted to take my life with poison but was detected. She then added insults accompanied by the most enormous threats that ever fell from the lips of any living being. She then left my bed and board on the 22nd day of June 1811 without any cause or provocation on my part and has never returned. I have only seen her once since that day. I went to her house to solicit her return to my house, but it availed nothing, for she added threats upon her insults and acted "more like a brute than a human being." She left this state for the western countries and has not returned for upwards of five years. Prays for a divorce from his said wife Ameilia. Your petitioner does not intend to sow the seeds of vice and immorality among the human family, for he is well aware of the obligations of the married state. The grievances set forth by your petitioner are nothing compared with others-"too meane to write, too Low to name, too wild to shout, too base to tame-was loudly harped and industriously pressed by her . . ." In the Fall of 1811, he was sued by his wife for separate maintenance -which was decided in behalf of your petitioner at October Term 1825. [*Enclosed:*] Depositions of Christopher GODWIN and Edward SAMPSON with regard to William BALDWIN and his said wife. Signed at Whitesides, Columbus County, North Carolina, 15 November 1826.

Committee on Divorce and Alimony to whom was referred the petition of William E\$ALDWIN report that the facts set forth in the depositions accompanying the same are not sufficiently substantiated to induce this committee to believe the petitioner is entitled to relief. Recommend the prayer of the petitioner be rejected. [*On reverse:*] In Senate, 2 December 1825, read and agreed into.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 4, folder "SCR [Claims-Internal Improvements]".)

860. **BARKER, Mary and husband, Charles.** Petition of Mary (M) BARKER of Robeson County states she intermarried with one Charles BARKER' of the same county about ten or twelve years ago. Soon after her said marriage, she removed to the house of said Charles, where a short time later he introduced into his domicile "one Margaret McNAMARRA, a woman of ill fame with whom he bedded; and as your petitioner believes regularly cohabited as Satan prompted his inclination." Your petitioner was unable to bear the continued neglect of her husband, who treated her as a menial servant only. She was not admitted to his conjugal embraces, and his affections were entirely bestowed upon another in the face of the world. After a short period, she left her said husband and sought a maintenance for herself. Several years have elapsed since this separation, and her husband continues to keep the said Margaret McNAMARA, by whom he has had several children, in his house. A Bill of Indictment has been presented to the said Charles by the Grand Inquest, and he is to be fined on conviction of adultery, but "disregarding the Sacred Laws of Jehovah and these mere mild admonitions of Our State Law . . . they continue to indulge themselves . . ." Your petitioner is unable to apply to a Court of Law for redress owing to her extreme poverty, for her exertions have only enabled her to procure a scanty subsistence. Her husband has now living several legitimate children by a former marriage but is notoriously insolvent. If your petitioner should survive her said husband, she may not only be deprived of her small property but left to such a subsistence from the provisions of the State's laws. Prays for a divorce from her said husband and to be secured in the property she has or may hereafter acquire. Your petitioner states she is now near the age of sixty years and has no desire of ever again entering into the marriage state. Sworn before Charles MOORE, Justice of the Peace for Robeson County.

Committee on Divorce and Alimony to whom was referred the petition of Mary BAKER praying to be divorced from her husband Charles reports that the said Charles BAKER has been indicted, found guilty and sentenced by the Court to pay exemplary dam[ages] for living in open and notorious adultery. The petitioner appears from oral testimony to be old, poor and dependent, and the small earnings other industry have been taken from her by the creditors other husband. Your committee is satisfied that the petitioner has complete remedy under the statutes of this state passed in 1814, and it is unnecessary to grant the prayer of the petitioner. This committee asks to be

'Marriage Bond of Robeson County, North Carolina, lists Charles BARKER and [*name missing*], [*date missing*], bondsman: II. BROWN. Marriage Bond of Cabarrus County, North Carolina, lists Charles BAKER and Mary BAKER, dated 18 March 1816; bondsman: Solomon SHINN.

discharged from further consideration of same. [*On reverse:*] In House of Commons, 24 December 1825, read and concurred with.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 4, folder "HCR [Divorce & Alimony--Internal Improvements]" and folder "Petitions [Divorce and Alimony]").)

861. **BEVINS, Eliza and husband, Simeon.** Petition of Eliza BEVINS of Lincoln County, wife of Simeon BEVINS, Esq., attorney at law, late of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, now of the State of Kentucky, sheweth she married said Simeon in the City of Charleston, South Carolina, on 10 November 1804 as will appear from the certificate of the Reverend Israel MOUNDS, Minister of the Gospel, hereunto annexed.² Your petitioner and the said Simeon lived together until November 1816, having five children and then removing to and living in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. In the said month of November, her husband was involved in debt and left your petitioner with her five children in a state of extreme poverty. He has never returned to her, and she is informed and believes that he married another woman several years ago with whom he lives in the State of Kentucky in a state of adultery. Said Simeon acknowledged this arrangement in a letter he wrote to your petitioner about two and one-half years ago. It was written in such insolent language that she threw it into a fire. One of her sons retrieved it, but much of it had been destroyed. It is hereunto annexed.³ Your petitioner continued to reside in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, for several years, but removed to Lincolnton, North Carolina, four years ago and presently lives there. She further states that her mother is yet living in Charleston, South Carolina, possessed of property of considerable value. After her mother's decease and agreeable to the last will and testament of the grandfather of your petitioner, said property will descend and be divided among the several children of her said mother, including your petitioner. Your petitioner fears that her said husband may then return, take possession of said property and dispose of the same without her consent. She has filed a petition in the Superior Court of Law of Lincoln County praying for a divorce from the said Simeon, but she has been unable to procure witnesses who could prove the fact of the second marriage of Simeon in Kentucky and his living in adultery. Prays for an act of divorce from the bonds of matrimony with said Simeon. [*Enclosed:*] Certificate signed by eleven residents of Lincolnton, North Carolina, who state that said Eliza BEVINS has lived in said village for nearly four years and has an excellent moral character.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 4, folder "Petitions-Divorce and Alimony".)

862. **BIGHAM, Robert Jr. and wife Mary.** Petition of Robert BIGHAM, Jr., of Mecklenburg County states he intermarried with Mary JACKSON in 1815,⁴ and they

^his certificate is not in this file.

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"Marriage Bond of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, lists Robert BIGHAM and Polly JACKSON, dated 4 January 1815; bondsman: John PORTER.

had four children. For several years he had reason to suspect his said wife of incontinence and unfaithfulness to his bed, but proof was not sufficiently strong to produce a separation and thereby deprive his infant children of a mother. In August 1824, she deserted his bed in the night, but he found her in bed with one John HAMILTON in the embraces, and as he believes in a state of criminal intercourse. Since then, your petitioner has not had any intercourse with said wife and is well satisfied "from her own confession & other incontestable testimony that she kept up a criminal intercourse with one Archibald ESSELMEN for some time enticellent [*antecedent* ?] to their said separation, more especially when your Petitioner was absent on business . . ." Prays passage of an act annulling his marriage with said Mary. Dated 14 November 1825.

Petition of Robert BIGHAM, Sr., of Mecklenburg County states that sometime in the week after the August Term of County Court, 1824, he carried on a conversation with the said Mary BARHAM at his house. She admitted she had been found in bed with John HAMILTON under very suspicious circumstances by her husband, Robert, after she had left his bed. She hoped she had not offended past forgiveness and thought that if any of the friends of the parties would interfere, the matter could be accommodated between her and her husband. In consequence of the rupture that then took place between said Robert, Jr., and wife, said "Robert turned her off and gave public notice for her not to be credited or accommodated on his acct. as he intended not to pay any debts other contracting from that time forward . . ." Your deponent further sayeth that sometime in the year 1818, said Mary BARHAM was put on trial before the Session of the Associate Congregation of Steel Creek of which congregation she was then a member on a charge of adultery with one Archibald ASSELLMAN. After a full examination of witnesses for and against her, the charge of adultery was fully proven against said Mary, and she then appealed to the Associate Presbytery of the Carolinas. After a full examination of the evidence and proceedings, the Presbytery confirmed the decision, and the said Mary was excommunicated and cut-off from said Church. [*Below.*] Deposition of Tho. J. GRIER confirming the facts stated in the above petition.

The Committee on Divorce and Alimony to whom was referred the Petition of Robert BIGHAM of Mecklenburg County report that it further appears that Robert BIGHAM gave notice to the said Mary of his intention to petition this Legislature for divorce. Your Committee finds all the material facts sufficiently established, but in reviewing the course taken in similar circumstances, the Petitioner has a remedy under the statutes of the State, and therefore are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner be rejected. In House of Commons, 16 December 1825, read and not concurred in.

House Bill, 23 December 1825. Robert BIGHAM, Jr., of Mecklenburg County is hereby divorced from his wife Mary and their marriage is annulled. In Senate, 23 December 1825, read first time and passed; in Senate, 2 January 1826, read second time and resolved that the Bill do not pass.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 1, folder "HB 23 Dec." and Box 4, folder "HCR, Divorce & Alimony-Internal Improvements".)

863. **BRICKELL, Elisabeth and husband, Samuel J.** Petition of Elisabeth BRICKELL of Halifax County sheweth that one Samuel BRICKELL came into her

neighborhood in 1821 bringing with him a character distinguished for its piety and moral worth and there settled in an honest employment. After eighteen months, said Samuel gained the esteem of his acquaintances, and your petitioner became his wife.⁵ A few days after the marriage solemnization, said Samuel went to Petersburg, Virginia, and exhibited letters allegedly signed by James HUNTER and James MOORE that recommended him to several merchants there and promised security to said merchants for a large amount of goods to be purchased by said Samuel for his own use. Said Samuel was arrested on suspicion and brought to trial for the crime of forging said letters, was convicted and sentenced to serve five years in the Virginia Penitentiary, where he still remains. Your petitioner has been reared under the solicitous care, virtuous precepts and exemplary conduct of her reputable parents and has been taught to hold high all that gives excellence to character. Under such conviction, she found corresponding sentiments in said Samuel, but she has been sadly disappointed. Without any provision from her husband, nor prospect of happiness or reasonable anticipation in her relationship as a wife or expectation of enjoying life with a man rendered infamous for the remainder of his days, ". . . she looks forward with horror to the time she must. . . fall again under the domination of her disgraced husband and perform for him the duties arising from her relation." Prays for a dissolution of the bonds of marriage from said Samuel BRICKELL and restoration to her maiden name of JOHNSON. *[Below.]* Deposition signed by thirty-five subscribers who join in the prayer of the petitioner.

Letter from the Superintendent of the Virginia Penitentiary, 11 October 1825, to Alfred W. MOORE, Halifax County, North Carolina, states that Samuel J. BRICKELL is a convict now confined in this institution for five years. ". . . [A]ny female that has been so unfortunate to connect herself with such a man is ready to be pitied." At the time of his trial and connection, he had three names, viz.: Saml. J. BRICKELL alias Henry B. JOHNSON alias Bill MOORE. He is a deep designing, incorrigible villain beyond all hopes of reclaim. *[Enclosed:]* Certificate of Tippoos S. BROWNLOW that "the keeper informed me that he [Samuel BRICKLE] could not be seen as he that morning given him fifteen stripes and had lock'd him up in his cell and on the following Monday he should give him the same chastisement and that he, the sd. BRICKLE was a very disorderly man." Dated 3 November 1825.

Committee of Divorce and Alimony to whom was referred the petition of Elisabeth BRICKELL of Halifax County report that it appears that Samuel BRICKELL in the year 1821 manifested a great change from a dissolute young man to morality and religion. In 1822, he courted and married the petitioner, who was the daughter of a pious and reputable farmer. In a few days, perhaps not more than ten, he took his wife from Halifax to Northampton Court House, where he left her and proceeded to Petersburg, Virginia. While there, he presented a letter of credit to a merchant or merchants bearing the names of James HUNTER and James MOORE, merchants of Halifax. The letter authorized said Samuel to purchase large quantities of merchandise for his own use and purported to be security for whatever goods the said Samuel purchased.

⁵Marriage bond of Halifax County, North Carolina, lists Samuel BRICKELL and Elizabeth JOHNSTON, dated 16 July 1822; bondsman: William BROWNING.

BRICKELL was arrested on suspicion of forgery, and by his own confession and the testimony of James HUNTER and James MOORE, was duly convicted of forgery and sentenced to five years imprisonment in the Virginia Penitentiary from 3 June 1823. Since that time, he has engaged in every species of irregularity, viz: setting fire to the buildings and destroying much thereof; forming plots to murder the keepers and make his escape. The Superintendent of the penitentiary states that BRICKELL still remains a most incorrigible villain. This committee is unanimous in the opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is just and ought to be granted and recommend the passage of the accompanying bill. [*On reverse:*] In Senate, 2 December 1825, read and the Bill put on its passage.

SB 2 Dec. Elizabeth BRICKELL of Halifax County, formerly Elizabeth JOHNSON, is hereby divorced from her husband, Samuel BRICKELL, and her name is hereby altered to that of Elizabeth JOHNSON. In Senate, 3 December 1825, and in House of Commons, 5 December 1825, read three times, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 2, folder "SB 2 Dec." and Box 4, folder "SCR, Claims—Internal Improvements." Also see *Reference A.*)

864. **CHAMBERS, John and wife, Riney.** Petition of John CHAMBERS of Haywood County states that about 1 February 1825, your petitioner became acquainted with a certain Theophilus ONEAL and his family who had emigrated from Johnston County, North Carolina, to Haywood County. Your petitioner married his daughter, Riney, but about two weeks later, said Riney was delivered of a mulatto child, which was raised by a negro woman of the said Theophilus, the father-in-law of your petitioner. After being charged with this crime, the ONEAL family confessed to it, and your petitioner carried his wife Riney to her father and has never lived with her since. Requests the marriage to be annulled. [*Below.*] Signatures of twenty-seven neighbors who support the above petition.

Committee on Divorce and Alimony to whom was referred the petition of John C'HAMBERS of Haywood County report that it appears it was common talk that Riney, the wife of John CHAMBERS, had been delivered of a mulatto child previous to her removal. The said petitioner returned his wife to her parents and has had no fellowship with her since that time. Recommend the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

HB 6 Dec. John CHAMBERS of Haywood County is hereby divorced from bonds of matrimony with his wife Riney. In Senate, 12 December 1825, read third time and ordered to be enrolled.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 1, folder "HB 6 Dec." and Box 4, folder "HCR [Divorce & Alimony—Internal Improvements]." Also see *Reference A.*)

865. **CHISM, Ameilia.** See BALDWIN, William and wife, Ameilia.

866. **DE LA CHAPEL, Judith and husband, Gabriel.** Petition of Judith DELA CHAPEL sheweth she married Gabriel CHAPEL in June 1824 with the hope of living in peace and harmony, but to her great mortification, she discovered within a few days after the marriage that the only object said Gabriel had in mind was the little property she possessed. He treated her in a very cruel and inhuman manner, and within three

months said Gabriel sold the principal part of her property and abandoned her. He removed himself to foreign parts unknown to your petitioner, leaving her entirely destitute of support and dependent upon the charity of her friends and her own personal exertions. The said Gabriel left considerable debts unpaid. Prays for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony. [Below.] Signatures of twenty-eight subscribers.

[NOTE: Accompanying the above petition are depositions from H. BUCHANAN, Boswell CARR, Henry ALLEN, Martha CARR, and Daniel MAY which contain information similar to the following one:] William MAY of Anson County deposes that Gabriel DELA CHAPPELL said "he would ruin his wife Judith and break her up . . . [and] saw sd. Gabriel . . . drag his wife Judith out of the door and threatened with great violence to beat & abuse her . . ." Said Gabriel "came to his father's house & got a horse & brought back to his father's his wife's clothes & bed clothes and also sayeth that he brought two horses & a passel of cattle to his father's house and after he had destroyed all he could of the property, he went off[f] and left her . . ." Sworn on 8 November 1825 to Justice of the Peace, Charles HINSON.

The Committee who is taking consideration of the petition of Judith DE LA CHAPEL report that her said husband, Gabriel, threatened her life, and his conduct towards her was characterized by disrespect, cruelty and barbarity. However, much as your Committee deplores the situation of the petitioner, the obligations owed to the Legislature and the public demands upholding the Laws of the State. Recommend rejection of the prayer of the petitioner. In House of Commons, 6 December 1825, read and disagreed to.

HB 14 Dec. Judith DE LA CHAPEL of Anson County is hereby divorced from bonds of matrimony with her husband, Gabriel DE LA CHAPEL, late of Anson County. In Senate, 15 December 1825, read second and third time, passed, and ordered to be enrolled.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 1, folder "HB 14 Dec." and Box 4, folder "HCR [Divorce & Alimony-Internal Improvements]". Also see *Reference A.*)

867. **DICKEY, Rachel and husband**, Moses. Committee on Divorce and Alimony to whom was referred the Petition of Rachel DICKEY of Orange County praying for a divorce report it appears the petitioner intermarried with her husband in February last, and both were raised in the same neighborhood and supposedly were well acquainted with each other. The petitioner claims that her said husband misused and abused her and left her last August. Upon the evidence submitted, your Committee does not feel justified in granting the prayer of the petitioner and recommend its rejection. {*On reverse:*} In Senate, 13 December 1825, read and agreed to.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 4, folder "SCR [Claims-Internal Improvements]".)

868. **ENDSLEY, Susannah**. See SHARP, Susannah and husband, Thomas.

869. ESSELMAN/ASSELMAN, **Archibald**. See BIGHAM, Robert, Jr. and wife, Mary.

870. **EVANS, Susan(nah).** See TINDEL, Susannah and husband, James.

871. **FERGUSON, Elizabeth and husband, James.** Petition of Elizabeth FERGUSON sheweth she intermarried with James FERGUSON of Wilkes County on 1 July 1819, but said James absconded on 19 August of the same year without any cause on her part and has not been heard of by your petitioner since that time. Her father is still living and refuses to give her any property while she remains the ostensible wife of said James. Prays for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony with said James.

Committee on Divorce and Alimony to whom was referred the above petition report that the statements made by said Elizabeth FERGUSON appear to be true, and although the petitioner is poor, she has always sustained the character of a prudent and upright woman. Your committee is of opinion that the petitioner's case merits the clemency of the Legislature and recommends passage of the accompanying bill: Elizabeth FERGUSON of Wilkes County is hereby divorced from the bonds of matrimony with her husband James FERGUSON. In Senate, 2 and 5 December 1825, read three times, passed and ordered to be engrossed. In House of Commons, 3 January 1826, read first time and rejected.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 2, folder "SB 2 Dec.".)

872. **FIELDS, Mary and husband, William.** Petition of Mary FIELDS of Ashe County states she was married to William FIELDS and lived with him several years in perfect peace and happiness. During said time she had six children, all of whom were small and helpless and required the steady industry of herself and husband to maintain them in a way of decent living. However, said husband tended towards habitual dissipation, and she endeavoured to persuade him to live a more sober and commendable life. Instead of reforming, he became more and more dissipated and eventually left your petitioner with her small children and little property to pay the debts he had contracted to maintain his habits. For two years, she did not know of his whereabouts but then received a letter from him in the State of Alabama. He said he expected to return in a few months. Your petitioner has awaited his arrival for more than five years since he wrote to her. She has not heard again from him during this time. Your petitioner is very poor and unable to pay the fees to obtain a divorce, but prays she may be divorced from her husband. [NOTE: Accompanying this petition are depositions from the following persons who support the statements of the petitioner: Joseph DOUGHTER, Richard GENTRY, Alien BERTON, James HATHORNE, John McMILLAN, Alexander B. McMILLAN, and David EDWARDS.]

Committee on Divorce and Alimony to whom was referred the petition of Mary FIELDS of Ashe County report that the statements of the petitioner appear to be true and recommends passage of the following bill: Mary FIELDS of Ashe County is hereby divorced from her husband, William FIELDS. In Senate, 19 and 22 December 1825, read three times, passed and ordered to be engrossed. In House of Commons, 24 December 1825, read first time and rejected.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 2, folder "SB 19 Dec.")

873. **FRY, Elizabeth and husband, Lewis.** Petition of Elizabeth FRY states that in

1816 she became the wife of Lewis FRY, a man of industry, sobriety, respectability, and to all appearances had the most flattering prospects for a successful marriage. Unfortunately, she is constrained to acknowledge ". . . that her husband (altho she still retains for him the fondest affection) has become idle, extravagant and dissipated . . ." He has already squandered away a handsome estate and continues to spend in prodigality even the small but hard earned pittance of her own labors by which she vainly hoped to save herself and five helpless children from want and misery. Prays for a law to secure to her such property as she may hereafter acquire.

Committee on Divorce and Alimony to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth FRY reports that from the facts set forth in the petition itself, which was the only evidence submitted to your committee, it is of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner be rejected. In Senate, 22 December 1825, read and agreed to.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 4, folder "SCR [Claims-Internal Improvements]".)

874. **GORDON, Elizabeth.** See WITHERSPOON, Elizabeth and husband, David.

875. **HAMILTON, John.** See BIGHAM, Robert Jr. and wife, Mary.

876. **HURDLE, Sarah.** See McCULLEY, Sarah and husband, John.

877. **JACKSON, Margaret and husband, Gabriel.** Petition of Margaret JACKSON of Burke County states that her husband, Gabriel JACKSON, left her and six children homeless and in debt more than he could pay. I appeared before your body last year, the fourth year of his absence, praying to be secured to such property I might thereafter acquire. It was argued unconstitutional and of no avail if granted. I still thought he would return to his duty and be well received. He is now gone five years, and I have had no security for my industry "... and am ready to faint, impatient to be free, willing to do and suffer the Laws of our country - my liberation being of vital importance for my own happiness and the prosperity of my children." Prays for a divorce. [*On reverse:*] Signatures of seven subscribers in support of the petitioner.

Committee on Divorce and Alimony to whom was referred the Petition of Margaret JACKSON of Burke County note that the petitioner is supported by many respectable names as well as the testimony of the gentlemen representing the county, who concur in the truth of the facts set forth in the petition. Your committee believes the petitioner ought to be relieved and recommend passage of the accompanying bill. [*On reverse:*] In Senate, 14 December 1825, read and Bill put on passage.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 4, folders "SCR [Claims-Internal Improvements]" and "Petitions [Divorce and Alimony]". Also see *Reference B.*)

878. **JACKSON, Mary "Polly".** See BIGHAM, Robert, Jr. and wife, Mary.

879. **JOHNSON/JOHNSTON, Elizabeth.** See BRICKELL, Elisabeth and husband, Samuel J.

880. **JOHNSON, Henry B.** See BRICKELL, Elisabeth and husband, Samuel J.

881. **LEMAR, Elizabeth and husband, James.** Petition of Elizabeth LEMAR of Guilford County states she married James LEMAR in 1808,⁶ and they lived together until the year 1814, when said James sold his property and the property that was given to her by her father, even to her bed and all the household and kitclien furniture. He then left your petitioner with one small child at her breast at the mercy of her parents for protection and with whom she has lived ever since. Prays for a law to enjoy such property as she may hereafter acquire by her own industry or that her aged father may think proper to give her not subject to the disposition or debts of her husband. [*Below.*] Signatures often subscribers who support the petitioner.

Committee on Divorce and Alimony to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth LEMAR of Guilford County report that the petitioner has it in her power to obtain all she asks and believe that any Legislative Act would be unnecessary and as tending to increase the number of petitioners to this legislature. Recommend rejection. [*On reverse:*] In House of Commons, 5 December 1825, read and concurred with.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 4, folder "HCR [Divorce and Alimony--Internal Improvements]".)

882. **McCULLEY, Sarah and husband, John.** Petition of Sarah (X) McCULLEY of Orange County states she married John McCULLEY of the same county nearly thirty years ago.⁷ About the year 1812, she was compelled to separate herself from the said John. "[H]is treatment was such as could not be expressed and much more born[e] by any human being . . . her life only being spared by the interfrance of her friends . . . [S]he had when the separation took place five small children, all of which she kept and raised, and all attained to the age of maturity except one . . ." She was thrown on the world with nothing but her own hands and the benevolence of her friends to support herself and children, but was received into her aged father's family again. Prays for an act to secure to her any property she may hereafter acquire. [*Below.*] Signatures of forty-four persons who subscribe to the prayer of the petitioner.

Committee on Divorce and Alimony to whom was referred the petition of Sarah McCALLEY of Orange County recommend passage of the accompanying bill: SB 15 Dec.: A Bill to secure to Sarah McCALLEY of Orange County such property as she may hereafter acquire, separate from her husband. In Senate, 15 December 1825, read three times, passed and ordered to be engrossed. In House of Commons, 16 December 1825, read first time and rejected.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 2, folder "SB 15 Dec." and Box 4, folder "Petitions [Divorce and Alimony]".)

carriage Bond of Randolph County, North Carolina, lists James LEMAR and Elizabeth OZBOURN, dated 29 September 1809; bondsman: Elijah WARD.

carriage Bond of Orange County, North Carolina, lists John McCULLEY and Sarah HURDLE, dated 15 September 1797; bondsman: Andrew McCULLEY.

883. **McNAMAR(R)A, Margaret.** See BARKER, Mary and husband, Charles.

884. **MOONEHAM, William and wife, Mary.** Petition of William (X) MOONEHAM of Wake County, laborer, sheweth that he was lawfully married "to the woman claiming to be his wife Mary MOONEHAM." The said Mary, who was the mother of several children by your petitioner, led "a loose, lewd and incontinent life, violating her marriage vows when opportunity served and inclination prompted. She indulged in a promiscuous, adulterous intercourse with all who offered that pleased her fancy, until finally one came who being wealthier than her other admirers cohabited with her for some time, and then took her off to Georgia where they live together in open adultery and have done so for years." Your petitioner is poor and unable to pay the costs of a suit. His lawyer obtained an order at the last Superior Court of Law for Wake County to prosecute for divorce without giving bond for the costs thereof, but the Clerk of said Court refused to issue the papers without immediate payment of the costs of such papers. Your petitioner has been unable to pay these costs. Prays to be divorced. [*On reverse:*] In House of Commons, 21 December 1825, read and postponed indefinitely.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825- Jan. 1826, Box 4, folder "Petitions [Divorce and Alimony]".)

885. **MOORE, Bill.** See BRICKELL, Elisabeth and husband, Samuel J.

886. **ONEAL, Riney.** See CHAMBERS, John and wife, Riney.

887. **OZBOURN, Elizabeth.** See LEMAR, Elizabeth and husband, James.

888. **PRICE, Jane.** See WHITLEY, Jane and husband, Johnathan.

889. **SHARP, Susannah and husband, Thomas.** Petition of Susannah SHARP states she intermarried with one Thomas SHARP in Burke County about twelve or thirteen years ago⁸ in hopes of enjoying the pleasures of a matrimonial life. She soon discovered she was sadly disappointed, for her husband soon began to treat her with coldness and ultimately with great harshness. Nevertheless, she continued to live with said SHARP for about two months, when he left her. After six months, he returned, and she received him in hopes he would treat her as a husband should. She was again disappointed, for he left her in about four months and went to the State of Tennessee. He returned after about twelve months and lived with your petitioner about five months, when she was informed that he had intermarried with another woman while in Tennessee. He then left your petitioner again and has since married a woman in Haywood County, North Carolina, whom he has since left and is now living with his father in Buncombe County. After being abandoned by her husband the third time, despairing of ever reclaiming him and being thrown friendless on the world without any means of maintaining herself and

⁸"Marriage Bond of Burke County, North Carolina, lists Thomas SHARP and Susannah ENDSLEY, dated 3 July 1813; bondsman: Charles (X) BROWN.

two infant children, your petitioner wandered from place to place for about three years. At the end of this wandering, she was received into the house of one William WINCHESTER with whom she has continued to live ever since and by whom she has had four children. Your petitioner has been advised that in consequence of having lived with said WINCHESTER, her case does not come within the jurisdiction of the Superior Courts in matters of divorce. Prays for consideration of her case and an act to divorce her from the bonds of matrimony with said Thomas SHARP. [*Below:*] Signatures of sixteen persons who subscribe to the prayer of the petitioner.

Committee on Divorce and Alimony to whom was referred the petition of Susannah SHARP is of opinion that although the conduct of the petitioner has not been of the honest, upright kind, the conduct of her husband has been so much more improper and feel disposed to grant her relief. Recommend passage of the accompanying bill. [*On reverse:*] In Senate, 14 December 1825, read and bill put on its passage.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 4, folders "SCR [Claims-Internal Improvements]" and "Petitions [Divorce and Alimony]". Also see *Reference B.*)

890. **SMITH, Gideon B. and wife, Eleanor.** HB, 12 Dec. 1825. Gideon B. SMITH of City of Baltimore, Maryland, is hereby divorced from bonds of matrimony with his wife, Eleanor.⁹ In Senate, 12 December 1825, read third time and ordered to be enrolled.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 1, folder "HB, 12 Dec. 1825" Also see *Reference A.*)

891. **STANLEY, Eleanor.** See SMITH, Gideon B. and wife, Eleanor.

892. **TINDEL, Susan(nah) and husband, James.** Petition of Susan TINDEL, formerly Susanah EVANS, sheweth she unfortunately married a young man by the name of James TINDEL from the State of South Carolina. His flattering promises and the persuasions of a near relative induced her to enter into the banns of wedlock with him before having knowledge of his character and circumstances. Despite promises he made before and during my acceptance of marriage, he abandoned me within a very short time. This unfortunate circumstance took place about two years ago, and the last account I have heard is that he married another woman and is now living in the State of Tennessee. Prays for a divorce from said husband and to be placed in a situation "more agreeable to the human mind, being only a few months over eighteen years of age ... I refer you to Gen'l. LOVE, who has been acquainted with myself and family ever since my Infancy, and also the other two gentlemen who represent Haywood County, which is the place of my nativity . . ." [*Below:*] "We the undersigned do hereby certify that we have been acquainted with Susannah EVINS (alias) TINDEL and with her father who is a Preacher of the Gospel ..." Signed by twenty-three subscribers, including Jacob EVANS and R. LOVE.

Committee on Divorce and Alimony to whom was referred the Petition of Susannah

⁹Marriage Bond of Wake County, North Carolina, lists Gideon B. SMITH and Eleanor SFANLEY, dated 20 January 1814; bondsman: Jos. ROSS.

TINDEL of Haywood County praying for a divorce report that the petitioner was married some years ago to a man from South Carolina by the name of James TINDEL. At that time, she was very young and not capable of judging the propriety of this course but was induced by a relative to unite with this man in matrimony. It appears to your committee that the petitioner has always sustained the character of a prudent, upright woman and is descended from respectable parents. Your committee believes the petitioner ought to be relieved and recommend the passage of the accompanying bill. [*On reverse.*] In Senate, 14 December 1825, read, and bill put on passage.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 4, folders "SCR [Claims-Internal Improvements]" and "Petitions [Divorce and Alimony]". Also see *Reference B.*)

893. **WHITLEY, Jane and husband, Johnathan.** Petition of Jane WHITLY of Mecklenburg County represents that she was married in 1812 to Johnathan WHITLY¹⁰ with whom she lived in harmony for six years and has three children, two of whom are now alive and dependent on her industry for their education and support. Delicacy prevents her from going into a detail of her circumstances but rests her case on the accompanying certificate from the hands of those who have long known her. Prays that the marriage contract with her husband be annulled.

Committee on Divorce and Alimony to whom was referred the Petition of Jane WHITLEY of Mecklenburg County report that a certificate which accompanied the petition was signed by several gentlemen and testifies to the good character and conduct of the petitioner. It further appears that the said Johnathan WHITLY has entirely abandoned his wife and was heard of the last time in the City of New Orleans on his way to the Spanish Provinces. However, because it does not appear that any of the facts in the petition are legally proven, recommend the prayer of the petitioner be rejected. [*On reverse.*] In House of Commons, 15 December 1825, read and laid on the table.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 4, folder "HCR [Divorce & Alimony-Internal Improvements]".)

894. **WINCHESTER, William.** See SHARP, Susannah and husband, Thomas.

895. **WITHERSPOON, Elizabeth and husband, David.** Petition of Elizabeth WITHERSPOON states she intermarried with one David WITHERSPOON of Wilkes County a number of years ago" and had nine children. However, said David reduced your petitioner to poverty and want by his misconduct and at length abandoned her and her children who must subsist on the charity of her friends. Prays for a law to secure to her such property as she may hereafter acquire. [*Below.*] Signatures of four persons who subscribe to the prayer of the petitioner.

Committee on Divorce and Alimony to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth

"Marriage Bond of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, lists Jonathan R. WHITLEY and Jane PRICE, dated 23 August 1813; bondsman: B. W[ilson] DAVIDSON.

"Marriage Bond of Wilkes County, North Carolina, lists David WITHERSPOON and Elizabeth GORDON, dated 16 June 1791; bondsman: John WITHERSPOON.

WITHERSPOON of Wilkes County praying for alimony report that the petitioner intermarried upwards of thirty years ago with one David WITHERSPOON in Wilkes County. Said David was at that time in possession of some property, which added to that received by the petitioner from her parents would with proper economy have been amply sufficient to have supported themselves and family in a decent and comfortable manner. It appears, however, that so far from enjoying that portion of human happiness v/hich our nature invariable teaches us to believe is derived from the married state, the petitioner's whole life has been a continued scene of disappointment, misery and woe. Soon after said marriage, the said David commenced a course of dissipation and intemperance which finally resulted in the destruction of all the property they possessed and the total abandonment of the petitioner and her numerous family of children. The petitioner has from time to time accumulated small portions of property by her own industry, and if this could be secured from the hand other husband (who has resided the greatest part of his time in South Carolina), the petitioner and her children will be enabled to support themselves in a creditable manner. Recommend passage of the accompanying bill. *[On reverse:]* In Senate, 2 December 1825, read and the bill put on its passage.

SB, 2 Dec. Elizabeth WITHERSPOON of Wilkes County is hereby entitled to enjoy in her sole right all such estate as she may hereafter acquire as if she had never been married to her husband, David WITHERSPOON. In Senate, 5 and 6 December 1825, read third time and ordered to be engrossed. In House of Commons, 3 January 1826, read three times, passed and ordered to be enrolled.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 2, folder "SB, 2 Dec." and Box 4, folder "SCR [Claims—Internal Improvements]". Also see *Reference A.*)

896. **WOMACK, Frances and husband, Henry.** Petition of Frances WOMACK states she was married to one Henry WOMACK of Person County about eleven years ago.¹² She lived with him several years and had two children by him. At the time of the marriage, she had a comfortable and sufficient estate, and her husband also had some property. The said Henry was a sober, prudent and respectable man before and at the time of marriage, but for several years past, he has become a victim of vice and dissipation, neglecting to provide for your petitioner or family. He has spent all of his estate and all the property he received of your petitioner, and for sometime before their separation, has neglected to provide any support for his family, and for many years has lived on the charity of his father. She has conducted herself with prudence and kindness towards him, but from his continual intemperance, he has become cruel and desperate in his conduct towards her. She has been compelled to fly for her personal safety to the protection of one other sisters. She has not lived with said husband for more than five years. Prays for a divorce from her said husband.

[NOTE: Accompanying the above petition are the following depositions:]

a. Duncan ROSE of Person County deposes that he is personally acquainted with Henry WOMACK and his wife, Frances, and that her conduct has been upright, chaste

¹²Marriage Bond of Person County, North Carolina, lists Henry WOMACK and *[name missing]*, dated *[day and month missing]* 1813; bondsman: Solomon PAINE.

and moral. Her husband has made no provision for the support of his family, has spent all his property and that of his wife, and he is a habitual drunkard. The said Frances WOMACK had left him and taken protection of her sister, Mrs. Rebecky WILLIAMS with whom she has lived about four years. Dated 22 December 1824.

b. [Depositions of John WISDOM, James McMURRY, Sr., James SNIPES, and John BRADSHAW are similar in content to that of Duncan ROSE above. In the deposition of Senna JARRETT, the following additional comment was made:] ". . . that she has seen said Henry draw his show knife and swear that he would murder her with it." He also "threw an iron at her from the fireplace" and "threw a gourd of powder in the fire for the purpose of destroying his wife."

Committee on Divorce and Alimony to whom was referred the petition of Frances WOMACK of Caswell County, praying to be divorced from her husband. Henry WOMACK, makes reference to the content of the petition and accompanying depositions but notes the committee is disappointed that said Henry WOMACK was not given notice of the petition of his wife nor the taking of the depositions. This committee cannot feel willing under all the circumstances of this case, from the irregularity of the affidavits being entirely *ex parte*, that what the committee members feel as men they would recommend as guardians of public trust and private confidence. The committee therefore recommends rejection of the prayer of the Petitioner.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 4, folder "HCR [Divorce & Alimony-Internal Improvements]".)

897. **WOOTERS, Sarah and husband, John.** Petition of Sarah WOOTERS of Guilford County shews that she was in possession of two negroes, household furniture and an interest in land when she married John WOOTERS. Said John was in very humble circumstances at the time of the marriage, but he came into possession of said property and sold it a short time thereafter. He was not under any pressure of debt. He took the proceeds and left this state supposedly not to return. He has been gone for nearly three years, and his whereabouts are still unknown to your petitioner. Prays that property she may hereafter acquire be secured to her for separate use. {Below:} Subscribed to by the signatures of forty-six persons, including many DONNELLS.

Committee of Divorce and Alimony to whom was referred the petition of Sarah WOOTERS of Guilford County report that the statements of the petitioner appear to be true and recommend the passage of the following bill: Sarah WOOTERS of Guilford County, wife of John WOOTERS, is entitled to enjoy in her own right all such estate as she may hereafter acquire as if she had never been married to said John WOOTERS. In Senate 3, 5, and 6 December 1825, passed and ordered to be engrossed. In House of Commons, 3 January 1826, read and rejected.

(From: GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 2, folder "SB 3 Dec.".)

Reference A

Laws of North Carolina, 1825. The couples listed below with the prefix "D" were

principals in an act providing complete divorces to each person. The couples with no prefix were principals in an act which entitled the female (heretofore *ifeme covert*) the right to hold, possess, and enjoy in her sole right, all such estate, real or personal, as she may hereafter acquire by industry, purchase, gift or otherwise, in as full and ample manner as if she had never been married (now becoming a feme sole Trader).

D BRICKELL, Elisabeth of Halifax Co.; husband, Samuel J., p. 74.

D CHAMBERS, John of Haywood Co.; wife, Riney, p. 84.

D DE LA CHAPEL, Judith of Anson Co.; husband, Gabriel, p. 64.

D SMITH, Gideon B. of Baltimore, Maryland; wife, Eleanor, p. 72.

WITHERSPOON, Elizabeth of Wilkes Co.; husband, David, p. 27.

Reference B

Senate Bill, 14 December 1825. A Bill to divorce Susannah TINDEL of Haywood County from her husband, James TINDEL; Margaret JACKSON of Burke County from her husband, Gabriel JACKSON; and Susannah SHARPE from her husband, Thomas SHARPE. In Senate, 21 December 1825, engrossed and examined; in House of Commons, 21 December 1825, read first time and postponed indefinitely. (GASR Nov. 1825-Jan. 1826, Box 2, folder "SB 14 Dec.")

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DOCUMENT REVIEW

Publications submitted for review in this column become the property of The North Carolina Genealogical Society, which donates them to the Genealogical Services Branch of the North Carolina State Library for the use of all patrons. Preferred subject matter includes transcripts or abstracts from unpublished public or private records or some aspect of research methodology having a major bearing on North Carolina or North Carolinians of the past. Family histories and other publications considered to be complementary to North Carolina research *may* be reviewed. When forwarding copies, *please include selling price and any other add-on costs to the consumer (postage, handling, sales tax, etc.) as well as the address to which interested parties may direct their inquiries or orders.*

Books are reviewed in the order of their receipt. Due to the large number of new publications, several issues may be published before a review appears.

All book reviews in this issue were written by Ann Hewlett Hutteman.

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NORTH CAROLINA - COUNTIES

Burke County, NC: Deeds Registered 1804-1813, compiled by Kathy Gunter Sullivan (Morganton, NC: Burke County Genealogical Society, 1997). Soft cover, taped binding, i + 84 pages, 8 1/2" x 11", \$10.00 (add \$2.00 shipping and handling; NC residents add 6% sales tax). Order from: **Burke County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 66, Morganton, NC 28680-0661.**

Mrs. Sullivan states, "Because of the 1865 destruction of Burke County's deed books, we are dependent upon the County Court minutes for knowledge of pre-War deeds, bills of sale and powers of attorneys." The volume contains an alphabetical list of conveyances registered at the County Court, covering the sessions January 1804 through October 1813. There is no record of any deeds registered at the April Session 1807. Some minutes are very faded on the microfilm and very hard to read. The author urges other interested researchers to go to the original record, when searching a particular surname.

Piedmont Neighbors: Historical Sketches of Cabarrus, Stanly and Southern Rowan Counties From the Pages of Progress Magazine, edited by Clarence E. Horton, Jr. and Kathryn L. Bridges (Concord, NC: Historic Cabarrus, Inc., 1999). Hard cover, xiv + 547 pages, index, photographs, appendix, 9" x 11 1/2", \$45.00 (add \$4.00 shipping and handling for the first book; \$2.50 for each additional book). Order from: **Historic Cabarrus, Inc., P. O. Box 966, Concord, NC 28026-0966. E-mail: Historiccabarrus@aol.com.**

From 1967 until 1985, the *Progress Magazine* was an in-house publication of the Concord Telephone Company. It was under the guidance of L. D. Coltrane, Jr., editor/publisher, who was also company president. In the magazine, Mr. Coltrane included historical sketches and rare photographs of Cabarrus, Stanly, and southern

Rowan counties.

A portion of the articles were published in 1996 as *A Bicentennial History of Concord from the Pages of Progress Magazine*. Now out-of-print, that volume inspired the editors to compile the remaining historical sections of the magazine into this attractive work. The articles contain an abundance of information along with interesting vignettes of local citizens and organizations. Topics range from the stories of public institutions and churches to a discussion of Mark Twain's Cabarrus County relatives. One delightful article is a report of the Stephen Cabarrus History Club's program on "The Medical History of Our County," presented to the local UDC Chapter in 1970.

The book has eleven color photographs of the magazine's covers and many other illustrations. Anyone with a connection to the three counties covered will find the volume well worth a look.

Beaufort News: Beaufort, NC, Obituaries, Volume 5, 1942-1945, compiled by Barry Munson (Morehead City, NC: Carteret County Historical Association, Inc., 2000). Soft cover, spiral-bound, iv + 167 pages, index, 8 1/2" x 11", \$25.00 (add \$3.00 shipping and handling; NC residents add 6% sales tax). Order from: **Carteret County Historical Association, Inc., P. O. Box 481, Morehead City, NC 28577.**

Mr. Munson continues his excellent series of obituaries from the *Beaufort News*. The five hundred death notices included in this volume cover the years during World War II. Listed in this book are over twenty Carteret County servicemen killed in the war. One was a casualty on the *(JSS Oklahoma)* at Pearl Harbor at the beginning of the conflict. Another was killed during an attack on the town of Lobach, Germany, April 8, 1945, near the end of hostilities. The obituaries recall the war's tragic toll of young men's lives during this period.

Catawba County Probates Index, 1843-1885, compiled by Kathy Gunter Sullivan (Hickory, NC: Catawba County Genealogical Society, 1997). Soft cover, taped binding v + 123 pages, 8 1/2" x 11", \$12.00 (add \$1.50 shipping and handling; NC residents add 6% sales tax). Order from: **Catawba County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 2406, Hickory, NC 28603.**

Mrs. Sullivan notes that "there is a frustrating absence of important Catawba County records from its first official act in 1843 until the late 1860s." One reason is the March 1865 Union General George Stoneman's sweep through the county, when the troops destroyed a number of county civil records. This index is based on extant Catawba County records from the following sources: Appointments of Executors, Administrators and Guardians; Probate Volumes compiled by Clerks of Court; Divisions of Land recorded in deed books; and loose estate papers at the North Carolina State Archives. Arranged alphabetically by the surname of the decedent or minor, the index should be very valuable for Catawba County researchers.

"By A Line of Marked Trees, " Abstracts of Currituck County, North Carolina, Deed Books [I] , 1-3, compiled by John A. Brayton (Jackson, MS: John A. Brayton, 2000). Soft cover, xii + 165 pages, indexes, 6" x 9", \$15.00 postpaid. Order from: **John A.**

Brayton, 1503 Union Avenue, Suite 220, Memphis, TN 38104.

Mr. Brayton states, "The land records of Currituck County, NC, have long been neglected by abstracters. Although the wills have existed in abstract form since the early 1960s, no one has seemed to want to tackle the deed problem." Mr. Brayton has done wonders to correct this problem. He has abstracted deeds from Deed Books 1-2 and pages 1-122 in Deed Book 3, covering the years 1765-1773, although there are a number of deeds from the first two decades of the eighteenth century. The last deeds were recorded in September 1774. He presents possible explanations for the discrepancy in sequencing of the dates, but admits it is likely that many are due to errors by the county registrar. Deed Book 2 contains several pages of a birth register, a rarity in such records, which are abstracted verbatim.

This book is an important research aid for anyone interested in eastern North Carolina colonial records, and with connections to colonial Tidewater Virginia.

Along the Banks of the Old Northeast: The Historical and Architectural Development of Duplin County, North Carolina, by Jennifer F. Martin (Rose Hill, NC: Duplin County Historical Foundation, 1999). Hard-bound, xvi + 269 pages, indexes, 8 1/2" x 11", \$45.00 (add \$3.50 shipping and handling; NC residents add \$2.70 sales tax). Order from: **Duplin County Historical Foundation, P. O. Box 220, Rose Hill, NC 28458.**

In 1992, a grant from the North Carolina Division of Archives and History funded an architectural survey of Duplin County. This fourteen-month survey by Mrs. Martin produced a comprehensive report outlining the historical and architectural development of the county and became the basis for this publication.

North Carolina's ninth largest county, Duplin County was formed in 1750 from a portion of northern New Hanover County and was named for Sir Thomas Hay, Lord Duplin, an English nobleman. The Northeast Cape Fear River is the county's major waterway and was the chief means of transportation until a railroad was completed in 1838. This book tells the stories of the early Welsh, German, African, Scottish, Irish, English, and Swiss settlers, who farmed this land. Even today, the county remains overwhelmingly rural.

This book contains over four hundred and sixty photographs and illustrations. There is an excellent and well-documented essay which surveys the county's economic, social, and cultural history. The catalogue of historic structures includes buildings in the townships of: Cypress Creek, Faison, Glisson, Kenansville, Limestone, Magnolia, Rockfish, Rose Hill, Smith, Warsaw, and Wolfscrape.

Genealogists often overlook architectural histories, which can provide important information about their ancestors' occupations or residences. Duplin County residents should be very proud of this attractive book, which records the county's rich architectural heritage.

Guilford County, North Carolina, 1850 Census, Schedule 1: Population, transcribed by Jane Smith Hill, edited by Lawrence E. Jarrell (Greensboro, NC: Guilford County Genealogical Society, 2000). Soft cover, viii + 329 pages, index, 8 1/2" x 11", \$20.00 postpaid. Order from: **Guilford County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 49104, Greensboro, NC 27419-1004. Web site: www.greensboro.com/gcgs.**

In 1771, Guilford County was formed from parts of Rowan and Orange counties. By 1850, the county's population had grown to 16,554, and the county was split into the Southern and Northern divisions. The Southern Division was the larger, having 10,115 inhabitants, with 284 free persons of color. The Northern Division had 6,539 residents and 411 free persons of color. The two enumerators went beyond their written instructions to list only the state of birth; they listed the county of birth of each person, if known. Also, an attempt was made to include the area or town of birth for foreign-born individuals.

The transcriber and editor warn readers about the phonetic spelling. It is always well to check for all variant spellings when using any census record. The main occupation of each male over the age of fifteen was listed, including cordwainer or cordwinder (shoemaker) and colporteur (peddler, usually of books or religious tracts).

The microfilm page numbers are inserted in the census, allowing researchers to find the item easily if they wish to see the original record.

Guilford County researchers should greatly appreciate Mrs. Hill's and Mr. Jarrell's efforts in producing an easy-to-use, indexed volume which will save countless hours painstakingly searching for an entry on microfilm.

The News Dispatch, Clinton, Sampson County, North Carolina, Obituaries, Volume 2, 1912 & 1914, compiled by Barry Munson (Greenville, NC: Barry Munson, 2000). Soft cover, spiral binding, iv + 93 pages, index, 8 1/2" x 11", \$20.00 (add \$2.00 shipping and handling; NC residents add 6% sales tax). Order from: **Barry Munson, 603 Maple Street, Greenville, NC 27858.**

The News Dispatch was a weekly newspaper, published on Thursday, in Clinton, Sampson County, North Carolina. In this volume, there are almost two hundred obituaries covering the years 1912 and 1914, with the year 1913 unavailable.

The obituaries are copied just as they appear in the newspaper. Modern readers will find the writing style a bit flowery. In his preface, Mr. Munson comments, "Many are elaborate accounts of the deceased's life, illness, and funeral. The Death Angel is still making house calls, knocking on doors and entering homes to summon the departed to their eternal reward." There is a death notice of a 98-year-old woman, who was born in 1814 and had 200 descendants. Thirteen Confederate Veterans are among the deceased and 20% are children under the age of fourteen.

Anyone with Sampson County ties will find this book not only interesting, but a valuable research tool.

Warren County, North Carolina, Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Volume I, 1780-1786, transcribed by Ginger L. Christmas-Beattie (Forest Grove, OR: Ginger L. Christmas-Beattie, 2000). Soft cover, xvi + 190 pages, map, index, 8 1/2" x 11", \$23.95 postpaid. Order from: **Ancestral Tracks, P. O. Box 64, Forest Grove, OR 97116-0064. E-mail: books@ancestraltracks.com.**

Most genealogists are well aware that one of the richest lodes of information about their ancestors is found in the Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, the lowest court of record in colonial North Carolina. Usually, the court met every three months and the minutes of those sessions allow a peek into eighteenth-century life.

The first name for this northern central area of "North Carolina was Bute County, which name was changed to Franklin County in 1778. Warren County was created out of Franklin County in 1779. In 1881, another part of the parent county became Vance County.

In this volume of Warren County Court Minutes, there are deeds registered, wills proved, intestate records mentioned, bills of sale recorded, and apprenticeships granted. There are usually references to the building and maintenance of the courthouse, jail, bridges, and roads; the licensing of taverns and inns; and the reports of tax collectors. The lists of jurors often furnish proof that an ancestor was residing in the county at a certain time.

A veteran genealogist, Mrs. Christmas-Beattie has transcribed a very helpful indexed resource for those folks with colonial Warren County roots.

Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900, abstracted by Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe, compiled by Joan L. Howell (Lucama, NC: Generations Past, 2000). Soft cover, iii + 548 pages, index, 8 1/2" x 11", \$35.00 (add \$2.50 shipping and handling; NC residents add \$2.10 (6%) sales tax). Order from: **Joan L. Howell, Generations Past, 8374-A Newsome Mill Road, Lucama, NC 27851. Phone: 919-284-2978. E-mail: hootyowls@bbnp.com.**

The 1900 Federal Census of Wilson County covers the following townships: Black Creek, Cross Roads, Gardners, Old Fields, Saratoga, Spring Hill, Stantonsburg, Taylors, and Toisnot. It is a "down-the-road" census, which can give the researcher additional information about the composition of neighborhoods. There may be a relative or two that lived nearby. The population schedules in the townships were recorded by different census takers. As a result, inconsistencies exist, particularly in spelling of names. It is noted that there were new occupations listed, which were not in a previous census, including electrician (*sic*), plumber, and undertaker. A full-name index is printed on colored paper for easy use.

The 1890 Census is largely non-existent, making the 1900 Census very important. There was little accurate population information from 1880 until 1900. Mrs. Sharpe and Mrs. Howell are to be congratulated for abstracting and compiling this very valuable work.

NORTH CAROLINA - GENERAL

Early Records of North Carolina, Volume IX, Colonial Court Records - Estates Papers, 1665-1775: A - Gibson, abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., foreword by Charles Edward Morris (Lawrenceville, VA: Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., 2000). Soft cover, taped, v + 135 pages, indexes, 8 1/2" x 11", \$25.00 postpaid. Order from: **Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., 114 Sixth Avenue, Lawrenceville, VA 23868. E-mail: bradley@telpage.net.**

This is the ninth volume in Dr. Bradley's excellent series of *Early Records of North Carolina*. Now in the North Carolina State Archives, this collection was originally in the Chowan County Courthouse and contains such items as wills, inventories, depositions, and suits. The foreword explains the nature of the Courts which generated

the papers, which are: the General Court, the Court of Ordinary, the Court of Chancery, the Supreme Courts of Justice, and the District Superior Courts. "The error most frequently made by even some of the more seasoned researchers is not looking beyond the records of county courts" for estate settlements or civil and criminal actions in the colonial period.

Arranged alphabetically by the principal in the case, a number has been assigned each item. The full-name, women's Christian-name, slave-name, place-name, and miscellaneous indexes use these numbers rather than page numbers.

Early Records of North Carolina, Volume X, Colonial Court Records - Estate Papers, 1665-1775; Gilbert - Owen, abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., foreword by Charles Edward Morris (Lawrenceville, VA: Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., 2000). Soft cover, taped, v + 139 pages, indexes, 8 1/2" x 11", \$25.00 postpaid. Order from: **Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., 114 Sixth Avenue, Lawrenceville, VA 23868. E-mail: bradleyep@telpage.net.**

Volume X of the *Early Records of North Carolina* is in the same format as Volume IX reviewed above. These collections are on microfilm in the North Carolina State Archives. Some of the microfilm is difficult to read; therefore, Dr. Bradley journeyed to Raleigh to examine the original documents. His enthusiasm for his work is evident when he states, "I still get 'goose bumps' when I think about handling some of the oldest pieces of North Carolina's written history." North Carolina colonial researchers should be very grateful to Dr. Bradley for abstracting these important records.

RESEARCH AIDS

General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, reprint of 1861 edition, 2000). Hard cover, 968 pages, 6" x 9", \$50.00 (add \$3.50 shipping and handling, \$1.25 each additional book; MD residents add 5% sales tax; MI residents add 6% sales tax). Order from: **Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Phone, toll-free, 1-800-296-6687. Fax: 1-410-752-8492.**

This volume was originally published in Dublin, Ireland, in 1861. It was based on the Irish Townland Census of 1851 and contains the population and number of houses in 1841 and 1851 and the Poor Law valuation in 1851. It shows the number of the sheet of the ordnance survey maps in which the townlands and towns, parishes and baronies appear and the areas of same. It is indexed by the volume and page number of the 1851 Census of Ireland.

A modern introduction or preface would greatly help this work, especially for North American researchers, who have limited knowledge of the political divisions of Ireland.

FAMILY HISTORIES

Noah Creech of Johnston County, North Carolina, His Descendants and Allied Families, by Ruth Ann Matthis Creech (Fayetteville, NC: Ruth Ann Matthis Creech, 2000). Hard cover, 546 pages, photographs, maps, indexes, glossary, 8 1/2" x 11", \$28.00

(add \$5.00 shipping and handling; NC residents add \$ 1.68 (6%) sales tax). Order from: **Ruth M. Creech, 901 N. Hill Road, Fayetteville, NC 28303-3812. E-mail: creech@fayettevillenc.com.**

Mrs. Creech traces this family back to Noah Creech (1795-circa 1870/1872) and his wife, Elizabeth Bryant Creech (circa 1796/1798-1890), who moved from Lenoir County to Johnston County in 1825. She mentions Richard Creech, who immigrated to Virginia in the 1600s, but no documentation has been found as yet to link him to the above Noah Creech.

Noah and Elizabeth Creech had eight children, six sons and two daughters. Four of the sons were Confederate veterans. John Creech and Vine Alien Creech migrated to Georgia, where they were murdered in 1870. Another of the sons, Alexander, was on the civilian delegation which negotiated a peaceful surrender of Raleigh to Union forces in 1865. Allied families include the descendants of George and Henry Massengill, Richard Manning, David Temple, and Elijah Baker. Well-documented, the volume has full-name and location indexes, forty-one photos, fifty-two scans of original documents, maps, diagrams, and a progenitor chart.

Diehl Descendants: Diehl, Diel, Teel, Dill, Deel, Deal, Dile, Doil, Dell, Dale and Related Families, 1689-1998, by Peggy Dale Chapman (Morganton, NC: Peggy Dale Chapman, 2000). Soft cover, spiral bound, xxiv + 360 pages, maps, illustrations, 8 1/2" x 11", \$30.00 (add \$5.98 shipping and handling). Order from: **Peggy Dale Chapman, P. O. Box 8082, Morganton, NC 28680.**

In her preface, Mrs. Chapman discusses the patterns of three major early periods of German immigration and comments that "more than one-half of all Americans trace their roots to some German ancestry." A map is provided of the Great Philadelphia Wagon Road, by which so many early settlers traveled from Pennsylvania to North Carolina.

The author notes that "the book was written in two parts. The first part involves members of the family for whom there is no documented proof that they are ancestors of Pioneer George Deal/Dale . . . The second part begins with George Deal/Dale and has the early court records which proves the relationship to his descendants."

Circumstantial evidence indicates that the line is traced to Jacob (Jakob) Diehl (born 1689) of Germany. There are conflicting reports as to whether this Jacob Diehl ever came to America. However, it appears that five of his sons did immigrate. Three of the brothers are known to have settled in North Carolina. William arrived in Philadelphia in 1738 and eventually settled near Newton in present-day Catawba County. He was followed by his brothers, Peter John (or John Peter) and Jacob, who are first found in Rowan County. Later generations are found in Burke, Lincoln, old Tryon, and McDowell counties.

There are numerous photographs of family members, an every-name index, and several interesting German poems and songs.

Hobgood Family of Granville County, North Carolina, Before 1850, Volume 1, by Leonard F. Dean (Raleigh, NC: Leonard F. Dean, 2000). Soft cover, taped, iv + 199 pages, appendices, index, 8 1/2" x 11", \$20.00 (add \$3.80 shipping and handling; NC

residents add \$1.20 sales tax). Order from: **Granville County Genealogical Society, 11746, P. O. Box 1746, Oxford, NC 27565.**

This volume is the first of two about the Hobgood family of Granville County, North Carolina. In some of the early records, the surname has the variant spelling of Hopgood and the origin of the name is most likely English. Hezekiah Hobgood was the first person of this family to live in Granville County, appearing in the tax list in 1758, just twelve years after the county was formed.

Mr. Dean furnishes an interesting chapter on the history of Granville County. He develops the biographical and genealogical information on the first two generations of the Hobgood family that lived in Granville County before 1850. In his two appendices, he tells the story of the murder of Shelton Hobgood in 1828 and how the small hamlet of Hobgood in Halifax County got its name. Well-documented, the book has a full-name, place, and topic index. Volume 2 will focus only on the descendants of Fowler Hobgood and is planned for publication in 2001.

Hugh Leach of Randolph County, North Carolina, & Some of His Descendants and Neighbors, by Betty Leach Brown, edited by Mary A. Browning (Archdale, NC: Betty L. Brown, 1999). Soft cover, viii + 497 pages, indexes, appendices, map, illustrations, 6" x 9", \$38.00 postpaid. Order from: **Betty L. Brown, 314 Gregg Street, Archdale, NC 27263-3303.**

Mrs. Brown traces the Leach family of northwestern Randolph County to Hugh Leach, who was in Chester County, Pennsylvania, in 1754. Like thousands of other Pennsylvanians, his most likely migratory route to Piedmont North Carolina was the Great Wagon Road through western Virginia. By about 1775, the Leach, the Mendenhall, the Brown, the Johnson, the Elder, the Collett, and the Ward families had settled in what is present-day Trinity, North Carolina, in the vicinity of the Uwharrie River. Many of these earliest settlers were Quakers, but "Methodism soon claimed most of the people in this area." The Methodist church was the chief supporter of Trinity College, which in 1892 moved from Trinity to Durham and was renamed Duke University.

Skillfully, the author uses the history of the area as a background for the Leach and allied families' story, including the genealogy of the Johnston County and Davidson County descendants of William Sugg of Isle of Wight County, Virginia. In an appendix is "The Record Book of James Leach," which is chiefly a list of death dates of residents of Trinity and nearby areas of Randolph, Guilford, and Davidson counties. Also in an appendix are five interesting personal letters, written 1855-1869 by several Guilford and Randolph county residents to Randolph County native, William Smith, who migrated to Hall County, Georgia, about 1828. The letters are annotated and contain a wealth of information about Randolph County families. Appendix IV has a collection of photographs of historic Trinity buildings. Detailed name, place, and slave indexes and a fold-out map of some of the early area land grants are provided.

Some Nebletts in America, by Dorothy Neblett Perkins (Rancho Santa Fe, CA: Dorothy Neblett Perkins, 1994). Hard cover, x + 787 pages, illustrations, index, 8 1/2" x 11", \$69.00. Order from: **Dorothy Neblett Perkins, P. O. Box 675696, Rancho Santa Fe,**

CA 92067-5696. E-mail: fairwold@home.com.

The immigrant ancestor of this Neblett family is John Niblett (circa 1640-1678), who is first documented in Virginia in 1664. Although there is some doubt as to where in the British Isles he was born, the strongest probability is that he left for Virginia from Malmsbury, England, in 1656.

Mrs. Perkins begins her book with a chapter on the Neblett name and its heraldry, which includes a discussion of the spelling of the surname, a glossary of unfamiliar terms, and a history of heraldry. Not only does she trace the Neblett genealogy, but adds interesting stories about many of the descendants. Her seven appendices greatly add to the work. The last, Appendix G, has ancestor charts of three of the most important lines. There is a photograph album in the middle of the book.

The author has collected a vast amount of material on this family. It makes one wish for a Neblett connection.

Descendants of Samuel, James, and Martha Perkins, by Dorothy Neblett Perkins (Rancho Santa Fe, CA: Neblett Press, 1999). Hard cover, ix + 515 pages, illustrations, appendix, index, 8 1/2" x 11", \$60.00 (add \$5.00 shipping and handling). Order from: **Dorothy N. Perkins, P. O. Box 675696, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067-5696. E-mail: fairwold@home.com.**

In the early 1800s, Samuel (born 1783), James (born 1787), and Martha (born 1798) Perkins are first found in Anson County, North Carolina, although their immigrant ancestor remains unknown. All three immigrated to Tennessee by 1815, with James and Martha and their families later moving to Mississippi. Samuel died in Tennessee in 1853, and many of his descendants went west to Texas. Short genealogies are presented for related families, which include Ussery, Marsh, Pearce/Pierce, Barham, and Kemper.

In the appendices, the author includes an interesting story about the Perkins family possibly being descended from the brother of the murderer of St. Thomas a Becket, through the Barham line. She also presents the lineage of president Andrew Jackson, even though her research did not turn up a rumored Perkins relationship to the famous general. She discusses the John Hardeman family of Tennessee and concludes her book with copies of the World War I letters of Henry Clay Perkins.

Mrs. Perkins' writing style, many personal family letters, detailed biographical materials, and numerous photographs make this well-documented book a fascinating study of an American family.

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